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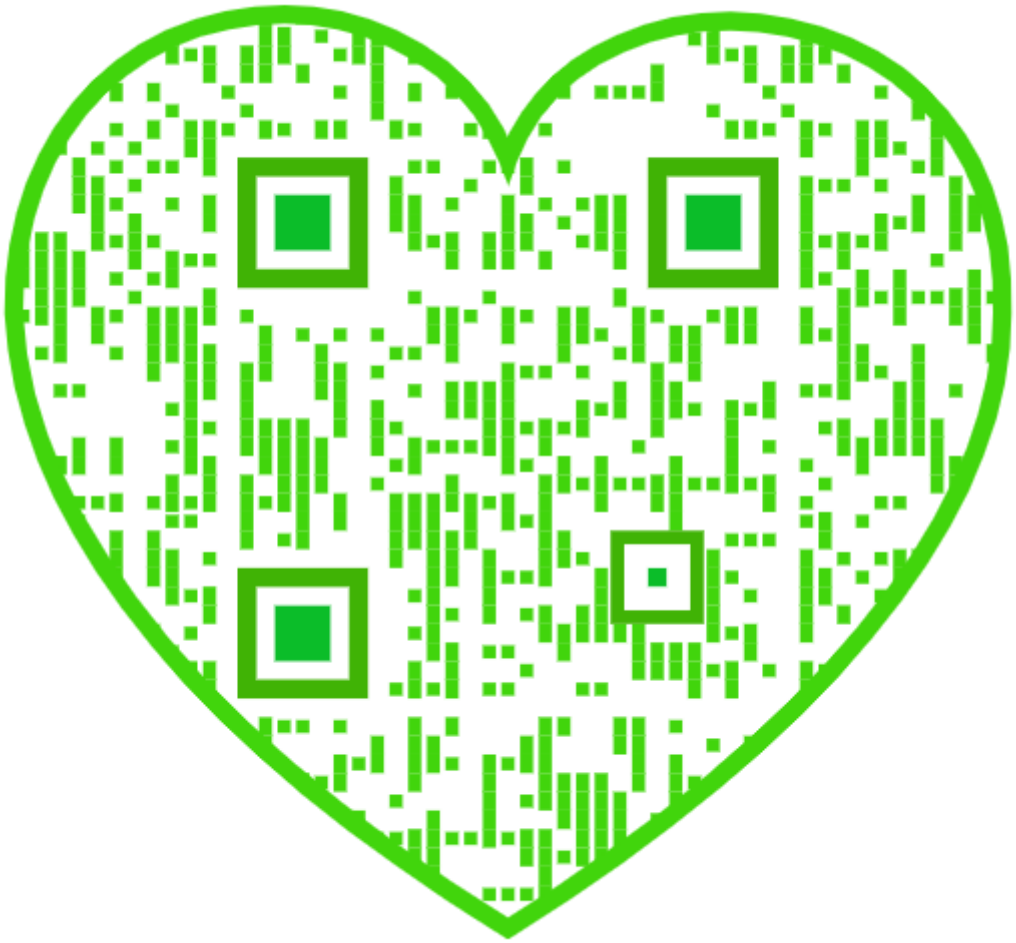

To Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi

Introduction

A splendid proposal was made to me by my publisher to combine the four brochures which appeared between 09-11-2001 and 01-01-2003 into one. The purpose of having written these was to present an antidote to the forceful American-British propaganda machine, which is carried by the only global TV networks: CNN and BBC world, the channels of the current warmongers.

I arrived in New York in 1948 to study at Yale, when Hary Truman was president. It was the year that NATO was founded to protect the West form the USSR. We were told that 'the Russians were coming'. This intentionally whipped up international fear of the Soviet Union beautifully played into the hands of the military industrial complex. The United States became what Hitler Germany had done before, one gargantuan war industry. As former British minister of Defense, Lord Chalfont, once told me: 'You cannot continue to produce weapons without sooner or later using them'. That was Hitler's problem. War had to bring salvation. Likewise, the US military machine needs armed conflicts in order to justify its existence.

So, since my residency in New York from 1958-1992, I have been an eyewitness to the rule of all US presidents since World War II. Some as a journalist I have met in person, but I have followed all of them for 55 years. It is critically necessary to know the history, if one wants to have an opinion of events of the day. Let alone if we are being asked as citizens of so-called free and democratic nations to cast our votes. In this volume, I have tried to present relevant information as background tot today's events, most of it which conveniently forgotten and never mentioned again.

Willem Oltmans, Amsterdam, 10 February 2003.

‘Evil is never done so thoroughly and so well as when it is done with a good conscience.’

Pascal

Who are the no. 1 War Criminals?

The Invisible Government

The early sixties were tumultuous years for the USA. First JFK and the CIA directed mercenaries to invade Cuba. When it failed JFK sought cooperation from the Mafia to have Fidel Castro removed from the scene. The summit with Nikita Khrushchev in Vienna was a flop. The Kremlin promptly erected the Berlin wall. Next followed the Cuban missile crisis, with an eyeball to eyeball confrontation between the Kremlin and the White House. The Soviets withdrew the missiles, but Kennedy by mutual agreement promised never to attack Cuba again. However the US has continued ever since to strangle this small island 150 miles from the coast of Florida by an inhuman, totally illegal economic blockade, which to begin with flies into the face of the most elementary principles of basic human rights. Then in the early sixties serious thought was given in Washington to start an all out ground war in Vietnam to prevent Ho Chi-minh from taking the South. All these dramatic events reached a climax with the assassination of the President himself on November 22, 1963. JFK was nevertheless seen by most people as a hero. Nobody however knew at the time of the many shady deals and outright criminal decisions, he and his White House team had taken, during close to three years in power.

It was for instance to remain unknown to the public, that the President had used a mistress on a mission to the Chicago underworld to arrange for the Cuban leader's early death. By today's standards this one planned murder of a foreign head of state would have landed John Kennedy in the dock together with Slobodan Milosevic at the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague. That is to say if the same standards were observed for US and Yugoslav leaders.

Since the Declaration of Independence America presented it-

self as the most freeloving and democratic of nations symbolized by the statue of the famous lady at the entrance to Manhattan. Today at the start of the 21st century the United States of America has become the sole Rogue Super Power in the world. How did this come about? Until World War II Washington remained largely focussed on itself. There were occasional forays into problem areas south of the Rio Grande. There was the rescue mission in World War I to assist Europe remaining free from German domination. Traditionally Congress avoided to play a prominent role onto the world stage. In 1941, for instance, the US was still represented in Jakarta, Indonesia by merely a consul-general to assist possible American tourists. In 1958 Dwight D. Eisenhower launched an amateurish CIA coup in this fourth largest country in the world, to topple Sukarno. Why?

Because the Indonesian President was considered by the Washington regime of the day too leftist for his own good. Therefore America took it upon herself to remove him. Indonesians, however looked upon Sukarno as the father of the nation, since he had begun in his student days during the twenties the long march to freedom from several centuries of Dutch colonialism. Eisenhower was not successful. Some traitors could indeed be found and bribed to set up a rival government on the island of Sumatra, financed and armed by the CIA, but the Indonesian Army remained loyal to Sukarno. The US intervention ended in failure. Seven years later, a second CIA try would bring Sukarno down indeed. The US had by then learned to behave as a full fledged Rogue Power, fighting wars, overthrowing legal governments Washington did not like, assassinating foreign leaders, invading sovereign states by open or covert warfare, as if there were no international treaties or legal conventions to abide by, as if the Charter of the United Nations was never signed by Harry S. Truman on behalf of all Americans.

The accidental transformation from minor power to number one in the world ready to intervene anywhere at any time evolved as the direct outcome of World War II. When Hitler overran Europe, a massive flight of brains and capital from the old to the new world occurred. In order to make an allied victory over the Axis powers possible the US was forced to replace German I.G. Farben and Krupp with a war industry of its own. This was one reason for the rise to power of the notorious military-industrial complex. The other, of course, was the start of the Cold War. These developments laid a vital cornerstone fore what was to become *The Invisible Government.*

In 1964, a year after Dallas, David Wise (*The New York Herald Tribune*) and Thomas Ross (*The Chicago Tribune*) co-authored *The Invisible Government*[1]. After following a course in Diplomacy at 'Nijenrode Castle' in the Netherlands (1946-1948), I joined classes in International Relations at Yale College (1948-1950). Professor Arnold Wolfers was Dean of the Department and Master of Pierson College, where I lived. The CIA had been established in 1947 to protect humanity from Communism, at least that interpretation was given by the spooks to the international US spy network. At Yale little attention was given to what seemed a perfectly normal and routine affair. Most specialists like Wolfers never expected the CIA to grow into an intelligence behemoth that was to become uncontrollable for either the Congress or the White House.

Prior to leaving the presidency in late 1960, general Eisenhower voiced a solemn warning. He went on record fearing that the military industrial complex was becoming a state within the state. Ike's alarm bell was duly registered by some, but most people went on with their business unaware of the urgency of the matter. The general knew his Administration was preparing a CIA invasion of neighbouring Cuba. He also knew, perhaps having learned from the 1958 CIA debacle in Indonesia, that attacking Fidel Castro without a United Nations Security

Council mandate amounted to violating the Charter of the United Nations. Somehow, he failed to make this clear to his successor, who scored his first cataclysm on the beaches of the Bay of Pigs. JFK never wholly recovered from that CIA calamity. Castro made him look like a fool. JFK followed up by doubling his efforts to get the Cuban leader killed.

Investigative reporters Wise and Ross must have picked up Ike's warning, because their 1964 book fitted his alarming message like a glove. ‘There are two governments in the United States today,’ said the first line in their book. ‘One is visible. The other is invisible.’ The second paragraph dealt with the fact that the first Administration is the one reported in the media and on television. The second is ‘the interlocking, hidden machinery that carries out the policies of the United States in the Cold War.’ The writers explained that one should not think in terms of ‘a formal body’ as a second functioning government. They described the invisibles, as ‘a loose, amorphous grouping of individuals and agencies drawn from many parts of the visible government.’ Neither were they referring to the CIA exclusively. They described the intelligence community in 1964 consisting off: the National Security Council, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, Army Intelligence, Navy Intelligence, Air Force Intelligence, the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the Atomic Energy Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Wise and Ross spoke prophetic words when they identified the existence of a shadow government in Washington shaping the lives of some 190 million Americans. In 2001, we know with hindsight how the US invisible government has killed, maimed, bombed, used chemical warfare against peasants in Southeast Asia, mined the waters around Nicaragua to prevent Soviet ships from bringing in aid, led a manhunt in Bolivia to track down Che Guevara like an animal.

This criminal behaviour sprang from the mad post-war American obsession with Marxism-Leninism. The 1945 Yankee cloak and dagger boys were convinced that anything was permitted in their crusade against Communism. They were the true and self-appointed defenders of the American fatherland and, if need be, humanity on the whole. In Europe, we identify zealots like these as neo-Nazis. No approval of Congress to act in the national interest was needed. To hell with the United Nations, the Geneva Convention on War Crimes, and whatever soft-headed peaceniks were saying. Hence, of course it was quite normal in the minds of the anti-Communist crusaders to send Castro poisoned cigars, or Patrice Lumumba in the Congo poisoned toothpaste, as long as the bastards were going to die. After all, they, the invisibles, knew best what had to be done to make the world safe from the Commies.

The Burmese Secretary General of the United Nations, U Thant, assured me, that the zeal with which Americans were slitting throats in Vietnam reminded him of the Middle Ages. A time, when Christians travelled on horseback to Constantinople to slit the throats of Muslims in the name of Jesus Christ.[2] Fascism is characterized by centralized power, by controlling all state affairs, including foreign policy, advocating aggressive nationalism, allowing no opposition or criticism, and advocating a strong military industrial complex. In 1922 Mussolini established fascism in Italy, which next spread to Germany. The United States developed after World War II a soft brand of the Mussolini variety. Outwardly it might have looked to the world, that the White House and the President exerted perhaps too much power for their own good, but still it was taken for granted, that the US Congress was up to its task and regularly intervene when lawless vigilante behavior of the intelligence services got out of hand.

In reality, it turned out that time after time the invisibles initiated illegal and murderous actions worldwide without ask-

ing anybody's permission, including the White House, let alone Congress. The Tonkin Gulf incident during the Vietnam war is a case in point. Virtually everybody produced half truths in their respective memoirs about what had really happened. Most recently, Richard H. Shultz, professor of International Politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, published *The Secret War Against Hanoi, Kennedy's and Johnson's use of spies, saboteurs, and covert warriors in North Vietnam*[3]. Shultz relays how on July 30, 1964 US warships shelled Hon Me and Hon Nieu in the north, thus provoking Hanoi to retaliate. They attacked the USS Maddox on August 4, 1964. This incident, provoked by the US side, set the stage - as it was planned by the invisibles all along - for the escalation of the war against Hanoi.

'However,' wrote professor Shultz, 'the incident did not result in the actual decision to escalate. The Johnson Administration had already determined it was necessary. The incident was the vehicle through which the president was able to act on what had already been decided.' In other words, US intelligence first attacked Hanoi territory to instigate a reaction, which promptly came. Next the Pentagon cried 'foul' and had Congress adopt the notorious Tonkin Gulf Resolution opening the gates up to the US Air Force to start bombing the open cities of Hanoi and Haiphong. That was 1964. By the time Bill Clinton launched cruise-missiles into Sudan or Afghanistan, to try diplomacy first was a notion that had long ago disappeared from the brains that were taking decisions at the White House.

Wise and Ross concluded their 1964 remarkably foresighted analysis of what was really happening in America with observations like, 'The primary concern of the men who drafted the Declaration of Independence was the consent of the governed. By the mid-twentieth century, under the pressures of the Cold War, the primary concern of the nation's leaders had

become the survival of the governed'. The invisible government emerged as an instrument designed to insure national survival. 'But because it was hidden, because it operated outside of the normal Constitutional checks and balances, it posed a potential threat to the very system it was designed to protect.'[4]

Former President Harry Truman who in 1947 had signed the National Security Act, which gave birth to the CIA, was in 1963 sufficiently alarmed that he sounded a warning, 'We have grown up as a nation, respected for our free institutions and for our ability to maintain a free and open society. There is something about the way the CIA has been functioning that is casting a shadow over our historic position and I feel that we need to correct it.'[5] Some Kennedy buffs quoted this Truman text pointing to the fact, that he had sounded his warning four weeks after the JFK assassination, which could signal his suspicion, that indeed the Dallas murder had been set up by the intelligence services. The Dallas ambush, they felt, had been carried out with precision and sophistication, and only the brains of kids would accept the official explanation that the President was killed by a lone ex Marine from a window at the Dallas Book Depository. Apart from the fact, that the Zapruder film showed quite clearly that JFK was hit from opposite sides.

I do not think, that anyone expects Bush junior, Cheney or Rumsfeld to come up with a text like Eisenhower's in 1960, warning for the dangers surrouding the military-industrial complex, because the trio themselves are closely linked to the invisibles. Nor does anybody expects a warning anymore, as Truman voiced in 1963. The United States is actually run in 2001 A to Z by an Invisible Government. The democratic election in 2000 became an embarrassing yoke visible to the entire world. But the true significance of that drama will only become clear during the next few decades. The mad scheme

about a protective shield against incoming missiles, is already a stark reminder of more nonsense to come. The minds that run the current US Administration were of course programmed in the era of the Cold War. The current president's men are obviously incapable of adapting to new realities as they exist in the 21st century, which the President demonstrates, especially when left on his own without the benefit of a prompter, he then produces incoherent blabber. Mexican writer, Carlos Fuentes, called Bush II during a recent press conference in Guatemala City, 'an ignorant lunatic'. Even members of the US cabinet complain publicly, that they are not consulted and don't know what is going on. The younger Bush runs the White House, and thus the United States - and the world - like a Politburo. Quo vadis America?

The Secret State

Former intelligence analyst David F. Rudgers of the Central Intelligence Agency recently published *Creating the Secret State*[6]. It is quite normal to take half a century before sufficient documents will have become available to begin to get a correct picture of what actually happened. In 1882 the US Navy established the first intelligence unit ever. It was in 1920 followed up with the Military Intelligence Division (MID), writes Rudgers, and operated within the command of the General Staff (G-2). It happened during the deterioration of the international situation in the 30s that 'the geopolitical thinking of US policy makers' changed. The Germans were using fifth-columnists as spies. Only in 1939 President Franklin D. Roosevelt at last sent a few important ministers a confidential directive, that espionage, sabotage and counter-intelligence matters needed to be investigated.

In those days we see William J. Donovan, who was nicknamed ‘Wild Bill’, when serving in the National Guard along the border with Mexico, emerging as the first American espionage Czar. He led a Law firm in New York, that made him a millionaire. He was also a Republican. Roosevelt, dissatisfied with the reporting of ambassador Joseph Kennedy in London, replaced him with Donovan. Rudgers discovered how Donovan's mind gradually became fascinated with the possibilities of ‘secret warfare’. Wild Bill admired the UK intelligence services and the British aptitude for clandestine operations. He wrote many letters to Roosevelt and members of the cabinet suggesting Washington followed suit. Historian Rudgers describes in minute detail how gradually the unification of various US intelligence organisations led to the foundation of one central spy organisation, the CIA. During this process of change, the image of Donovan obtained godlike proportions. Nobody wanted a US Gestapo for countering the Kremlin, wrote Rudgers, but, in fact, that is what the CIA eventually turned out to be. When Pinochet in Chili or general Suharto in Indonesia looked for practical ways to put tens of thousands of political prisoners behind bars, they urged Washington for assistance and advice. In Chili as well as in Indonesia US undercover assistence was generously provided to assist in setting up regular concentration camps, in both countries.

March 16, 1945 ambassador Donovan sent President Roosevelt (FDR) a copy of a portion of Great Britain's Official Secrets Act, ‘which imposed harsh penalties on persons seeking or receiving security classified material, suggesting it could serve as a model for action at a later time,’ reported Rudgers.[7] FDR and Wild Bill became the fathers of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). Obviously President Truman had less patience with the ostentatious Donovan. Rudgers discovered in the Washington files only one meeting of 15 minutes between the two men on May 14, 1945. J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI also belonged to

Donovan's enemies. Allen Dulles was running the OSS Office in Switzerland at the time and would later become CIA director. However, in 1961 he inflicted irrepable damage on JFK with his crazy CIA adventure on the beaches of the Bay of Pigs. President Kennedy discharged Allen Dulles six months later.

Harry Truman dissolved the OSS on September 20, 1945. After an intermediate period of two years the CIA opened for business on September 18, 1947. America had finally legalized its way to fight shadow warfare. The invisible government had become a fact of life and a decisive factor in the Cold War, which was just warming up between the former partners who had, as allies, fought against the Axis powers.

Rudgers reaches at the closure of his research an unusual conclusion. With the defeat of the enemy in 1945 Donovan's OSS ceased to have a purpose and was promptly closed down. However, the post war rise of 'the evil empire' permitted the uninterrupted existence of the CIA till the USSR imploded in 1991 on its own accord. Next, the writer seems to believe, that 'intelligence, as it has been understood since World War II, is a dying business.' He added, 'The CIA has entered its second half century of existence striving to avoid the fate of its OSS parent.' I disagree profoundly.

One year after Rudgers wrote these lines, Bush II descending from former CIA director Bush I, arrived in the centre of Washington power.

I therefore strongly contend, that while the CIA spent the second half of the 20th century containing the Soviet-Union, the state within the state situation will last uninterruptedly until China at last is permanently brought into line by 2050. Of course, it all depends on whether the US by that time has retained its own uncontested status of super power. The way the world is developing in the 21st century makes this expectation far from certain. In other words, in my view, contrary to David Rudgers, the CIA has in the foreseeable future still a

bright fuure and lots of covert operations to carry out, including, military invasions, the usual coup d'états, assassinations, firing of cruise missiles into sovereign states, which misbehaved in the view of Washington. And who knows, perhaps the poisoned cigars, that did not do it for Fidel, might be used on somebody else. The US spy genie is out of the bottle anyway, courtesy Wild Bill Donovan and associates.

I entered journalism in 1953 as foreign editor of the daily, *Algemeen Handelsblad* in Amsterdam. After two years in the Amsterdam bureau of the *United Press* I worked in June 1956 as correspondent for *De Telegraaf* in Rome, Italy, when President Sukarno of Indonesia arrived on a state-visit. I interviewed him and left later that year for Jakarta on assignment for the *Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant* and other papers. After covering Indonesia for one year, (1956-1957) I became June 10, 1958, permanent correspondent at United Nations headquarters in New York till the 70s. I lectured from coast to coast on foreign affairs for W. Colston Leigh lecture bureau in New York. It was then that I first looked into US policy vis à vis Southeast Asia. I talked to the Under Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs at the State Department, Walter S. Robertson, who saw me with an aide, Marshall Green, who in 1965 was US ambassador in Jakarta during the second CIA coup against Sukarno. Having just spent one year in Indonesia, and having gotten to know Sukarno first hand, I was dumb founded to listen to the incoherent nonsense from two ‘experts’ at the State Department. Robertson and Green should have been fired for incompetence.

Professor George McTurnan Kahin and Audrey R. Kahin published in 1995 *Subversion as Foreign Policy, The Secret Eisenhawer and Dulles Debacle in Indonesia*.[8] Only 37 years later Washington released sufficient documents about this first 1958 CIA coup in Indonesia that professionals like the Kahin's were able to print a reliable reconstruction of events. They stressed, for

instance, that US ambassador John Allison strongly disagreed with opinions in Washington on Sukarno or Indonesia, but he was incapable of making himself heard to the men who had already taken the decision to let the CIA overthrow Sukarno. I met Allison. He seemed an extremely unhappy man. Washington left him out in the cold. He was still unaware his superiors were planning to oust Sukarno altogether. When the CIA coup took place he resigned as ambassador.

The reason why, at least in the minds of the Washington experts, Sukarno had to go was, that he had become a security risk. He was buying equipment for his armed forces in Moscow. He did so, since Washington had turned him down earlier. Sukarno went in 1956 on his first foreign state-visit since Indonesia became independent from Holland, to the United States. Eisenhower received him correctly but with reserve. He was already listening to guys like Robertson and Green and becoming misinformed. He received an invitation for a return visit to Jakarta, but never bothered to go. Later in 1956 Sukarno went to Moscow and invited the Soviet head-of-state, Marshall Kliment Voroshilov to Indonesia. The Russian came in 1957 and Washington cried foul. Bernard Kalb, *New York Times* correspondent in Jakarta began writing articles hinting of Sukarno's tilt towards Moscow and Peking. Kalb's reports were nuts, because from my own contacts with Sukarno I knew this to be most definitely untrue. Yet, his articles carried weight in Washington and worked in favour of guys like Robertson and Green. I knew Kalb as a colleague in Jakarta and mistrusted him. When in the eighties he became State Department spokesman for Reagan and Shultz the true man revealed himself at last. A professional journalist can never ever become a slave to His Master's Voice. It is also true, that Kalb later resigned in protest over Shultz' agreement with Reagan over a terrorist attack by US warplanes on Lybia.

‘Apparently even more myopic than Allen Dulles as to the re-

alities of the Indonesian scene,' wrote the Kahin's, 'was the commander in chief of US Pacific Forces (CINCPAC), Admiral Felix Stump, who clearly at this time inclined toward military intervention.'[9] Walter Robertson was convinced Indonesia would break up, once a CIA coup was underway. He sent an official, Gordon Mein, to Jakarta to assess the situation. He concurred with ambassador Allison and his staff, and reported to Washington quite correctly that a break-up of Indonesia following a CIA coup was unlikely. But the warmongers persisted. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Radford even believed that the Indonesian military would work with the US if worst came to the worst and he asked for a prompt survey in order to be ready if fast military action in Indonesia became necessary.

February 10, 1958 colonel Ahmad Hussein signed a proclamation announcing per ultimatum the arrival of the Pemerintah Revolusioner Republik Indonesia (PRRI) on February 15, 1958. The Kahin's discovered how Eisenhower and the Dulles brothers had become 'deeply worried' about growing Communist influence on Java in the summer of 1957. I had joined President Sukarno on a sea voyage to eastern parts of the republic in August. Several ministers, ambassadors and journalists travelled with him. Among them was professor Guy Pauker of the Rand Corporation in California, a thinktank with strong links to the CIA. But this connection was unknown at the time. Pauker asked me, 'since you seem to know the president well, will you introduce me?' In 1957, I was unfamiliar with CIA machinations. So, unsuspecting, I set up a dawn meeting at 06.00 a.m. with the President, when I knew him to be up early for tea and breakfast. I never discovered whether at least Sukarno was aware, that a CIA informer travelled in 1957 on the same ship in his presidential party. Pauker must have been one of the sources to the idiots in Washington who suspected Sukarno of turning into a crypto communist.

The Kahin researchers further discovered that the Eisenhower Administration enlisted not only the CIA and large supplies of modern US military equipment but also substantial components of the US Seventh Fleet and American planes and pilots together with supporting personnel, facilities and supplies from the Chinese on Taiwan and the government of the Philippines. Washington even received modest help from Britain and Australia, classical imperialist minded powers, always ready to fish in troubled Indonesian waters, even in Timor.

In their closing comment, the Kahin's observed, that Eisenhower's attempt to manipulate the politics of Indonesia had been 'glaringly counterproductive.' 'Aimed at changing the character of that country's government to conform to what were perceived to be American interests, it actually strengthened those elements the Administration had sought to eliminate or weaken and destroyed those whom it wished to reinforce.' This felicitous conclusion by the Kahin's says in a nutshell what has been wrong with US Foreign Policy since World War II. Time after time, Washington decisionmakers deluded themselves by projecting their anti-communist obsessions to foreign lands and their leaders, often contrary to expert advice by American diplomats or observers on the ground. In the case of Sukarno, Roger Hilsman, Director of the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and research during the JFK Administration observed in *To Move a Nation*[10]: 'Before President Sukarno's visit to Washington in 1961, Kennedy remarked in conversation that when you considered things like the CIA's support to the 1958 rebellion, Sukarno's frequently anti-American attitude was understandable.'

Between 1956-1966 I observed Sukarno in action in Indonesia itself or abroad, like in 1960 at the United Nations, when he delivered an epochmaking speech, 'To build the world anew,' or in Washington, San Francisco, Teheran, Ankara, Copenhagen. Bonn, Venice and many other places. Sukarno was

never at any time anti-American as Hilsman suggests. Neither was he anti-Dutch, because the colonialists locked him up for more than eleven years to prevent him from leading the march to freedom for the peoples of the Dutch East Indies. He disliked US Foreign Policy and Dutch colonialism. He was contemptuous of American and Dutch politicians, who called him names and insulted him without having a clue what he really was about. Or, as in the case of Eisenhower and the Dulles brothers, who in 1958 engineered a coup to topple him, at best, he felt contempt for them as misfits produced by a Secret State that should not even be there.

Lumumba

The Belgian Congo became independent on June 30, 1960. Patrice Lumumba (30) was elected the first Prime Minister. He appointed Thomas Kanza, a young man with a Harvard degree, as first Congolese ambassador to the United Nations. Western media were publishing negative reports about the Congolese leader. An exception was Africa specialist Colin Legum, who wrote a foreword to Lumumba's book, *Congo, My Country*[11]. The Prime Minister was hacked to death before his book appeared in New York. Legum: 'It is often wrongly supposed that Lumumba was a half-baked, unsophisticated politician who had only the haziest notion about government and world affairs. This is wide of the mark. His detailed plans for social and political reforms are as valid today as when he first thought them out. Here is a blueprint for those who have survived him to build the structure of a new Congo.'

Belgian writer Ludo de Witte published 38 years after Lumumba was assassinated a Kahin type of documented study about the criminal and brutal behaviour of his enemies, that led to

his death and that were totally unworthy of the man.[12] Lumumba's death was perhaps sealed on the day his country gained independence. King Baudouin of Belgium in his speech glorified the founder of the former colony, King Leopold II to such an extend, that Lumumba felt obliged to take the floor and put the record straight without observing the Protocol in honour of His Majesty. The King became very pale. De Witte described how the Congolese leader criticised the colonial system, as humiliating slavery enforced by Belgian arms, while the King had just praised Belgian colonialism to the skies as the masterwork of his Grand Uncle. Lumumba told the truth and the King wanted to return to Brussels at once. He was held back from this decision by the Belgian Prime Minister, but the festivities were spoiled. The Prime Minister of Congo simply aired his deep felt grievances regarding centuries of colonialism, as felt by most Congolese. But he humiliated the Belgians by speaking the truth, just as Fidel Castro would never be forgiven by Washington having liberated Cuba in 1959 from Yankee domination. Lumumba never realized that his outspokenness that fateful day caused the Belgians to brood on revenge. As JFK and Chicago gangsters aimed at bumping off Fidel, circles close to the Belgian King planned to do the same to Patrice Lumumba.

In the mean time pupils of Wild Bill Donovan in Washington played their own dirty games during the transition from Congo colony to independent state. CIA boss Allen Dulles had already cabled August 26, 1960 his boy in Leopoldville, Lawrence Devlin, that as long as Lumumba would be in power 'the best outcome would be chaos or the worst the preparation of a communist take-over.' Researcher De Witte, who managed to inspect archives in Washington and at the United Nations headquarters, discovered, that the CIA had been busy searching for efficient methods to kill Lumumba. He found written proof of Dulles adding in his cable to Devlin: 'We have de-

cided that his elimination has got to be our most important goal and taking present conditions into account this must receive every priority in our secret action.' De Witte's research was published in Brussels in 1999. His book *The Murder of Lumumba* led to a parliamentary investigation.

Actually, once more, it was proven who the real war criminals were. Aside from the CIA being intensely involved to cutthroat the Prime Minister of Congo, de Witte discovered how King Baudouin and his closest associates, like Foreign Minister Pierre Wigny, count Harold d'Aspremont Lynden of African Affairs, and the grand master of the Court, count Gobert d'Aspremont Lynden had been secretly conspiring to bump off Lumumba. By today's standards both American and Belgian plotters of the murder of a foreign leader should be awaiting trial in the prison of The Hague Tribunal playing chess with Milosevic and other Balkan prisoners.

Already on September 14, 1960, a mere ten weeks after independence, military leader Joseph-Désiré Mobutu, a 'friend' of Lumumba, who owed his position to him as well, committed high treason, carried out a coup and kept the legally empowered Prime Minister captive in a villa. His fate had been sealed in Washington and Brussels. Only the scenario as to get rid of the man altogether had not, as yet, been determined. On December 2, 1960, Lumumba came a step closer to his demise, when he was placed under direct command of the military. In practical terms this meant, that the protection given to him in the villa by UN blue helmets was taken away. The Prime Minister of the Congo was now in personal danger with the acquiescence of the Secretary-General of the UN, Dag Hammerskjöld. He had become an outlaw. January 16, 1961, Minister Harold d'Aspremont Lynden issued an order to hand Lumumba over to his arch-enemy, Moise Tshombe in the province of Katanga. This certified crook was playing ball with the multinational Union Minière, in order to guarantee for-

eign interests, so that they could continue their colonial exploitation in the now independent Congo without interruption or interference from the Congolese government, provided Tshombe was royally rewarded for his services. Lumumba, a genuine nationalist, would have been an unworkable obstacle to the continued foreign exploitation of Congo's rich natural resources. Therefore, Washington and Brussels simply ordained ‘kill him’.

Ludo de Witte, who's report has appeared on the US market as well, wrote that Belgian Minister Lynden was fully aware, that the Katangese were anxious to slit Lumumba's throat. Albert Kalonji, for instance, announced beforehand, that he intended to use his skull as a vase.

Other local potentates said, that they considered it a privelege that the man could be liquidated on Katanga soil. How to get Lumumba there without too much obstreperousness, was the problem. The CIA Manual contained the ideal solution: if someone of importance needed to disappear from the face of the earth arrange ‘a camouflage operation’, meaning, how to kill without all hell breaking loose. January 17, 1961, a Dakota, piloted by the Australian Bob Watson, made a reconnaissance flight to Elisabethville in Katanga to see if it was safe to land there. If there were too many blue helmets of the UN in sight, another landingstrip would be used. Soon a DC-4 of Air Congo, a subsidiary company of the Belgian Sabena, arrived piloted by Belgian Piet van der Meersch. He bluntly told the traffic tower, he had come to deliver ‘three packages’. They were, Patrice Lumumba (36), the vice-president of the Congolese Senate, Joseph Okito (50), and the former chief-of-staff of the Army, presently Minister for Sports, Maurice Mpolo (32).

De Witte managed to reconstruct from documentary evidence, how Lumumba had been lured with a trick from Camp Hardy by informing him that there had been another coup in

Leopoldville, and that he needed to return as fast as possible to the capital. All three members of the Belgian crew of the plane, that flew the Prime Minister to his enemies in Katanga, testified that Lumumba was most severely mistreated during the flight. After his arrival in Katanga he was further outrageously abused and beaten with Belgian officers impassively watching this disgusting scene. Nowadays when Belgian courts are apparently chasing war criminals, like the current Prime Minister of Israël Ariel Sharon, one wonders why Belgian judges don't clean up their own mess first. This is an advice that some governments that shout loudest about others not observing basic human rights should take to heart. In this respect does Washington top the rogue list of murdering and killing at random ever since Wild Bill Donovan learned from the British how to do this effectively and convinced his masters at the White House and in Congress, to copy them.

The first Prime Minister of Congo was butchered to death on January 17, 1961 with former Belgian superiors of the murderers overseeing the bloody affair. For weeks Brussels maintained, that Lumumba had simply been gunned down by villagers while trying escape. At UN headquarters in New York Hammerskjöld looked the other way while the blue helmets, who should have protected the Prime Minister of the country stood idly by when the man they had been ordered to protect was shipped as ‘a package’ to the Katanga slaughterhouse. My friend, ambassador Thomas Kanza at the UN was extremely worried about the safety of his family. His father was Mayor of Leopoldville and considered Lumumba still the legal leader of the nation. I flew down to the Congo where the Mayor and his family gave a dinner in my honour at their official residence.

The politician Cléophas Kamitatu was also present at the table. He recalled, ‘Patrice once told us, he expected to be killed by the Belgians, or by Congolese bribed by them. Lumumba

formed Mobutu and made him the officer he became. Now he, too, has been bribed by US ambassador Clare Hayes Timberlake. He ran out of funds to pay the soldiers. I do not feel I am exaggerating when I state here and now that our present misery and tragedy is the sole outcome of Washington mixing in our affairs.' According to my hosts February 23, 1961 in Leopoldville, it had been Timberlake who convinced Mobutu to desert Lumumba, disband parliament and take matters into his own hands. Kamitatu added, that western media had succeeded in portraying Lumumba and his supporters as crypto-communists. 'I receive all the time urgent letters from my friends in the US begging me to please not become a communist,' he said,' and that truly amuses me.' Everyone at the Kanza villa that evening agreed, that the real perpetrators of violating Congo's freedom and sovereignty were the Americans, with the Belgians only trailing them as allies of whatever Washington or the CIA were deciding in the name of Western interests in Africa.

No-one in Congo, or in the world for that matter, knew on February 23, 1961 what had actually happened to their friend and leader. It was Ludo de Witte, who in 1999 published the first fully documented authoritative report on the killing of Lumumba. The escort of four automobiles and two jeeps consisted of President Moise Tshombe of Katanga and the ministers Gabriel Kitenge, Godefroid Munongo, Jean-Baptiste Kibwe and police commissioner Plus Sapwe. Belgian captain M.P. Julien Gat, the Belgian advisor to Katanga, Frans Verscheure, Lieutenant Gabriel Michels, brigadier Francois Son and others were identified as having been part of the cortege that accompanied the Prime Minister to the secret place of execution. When leaving the cars, the prisoners wore only pants and an undershirt and were barefoot. Verscheure walked behind Lumumba, who asked him: 'They are going to kill us, isn't it?' Verscheure confirmed it. It was this Belgian advisor,

who later announced to the three prisoners, that they were to be shot. He offered them some time, to prepare for death and pray. But Lumumba declined the offer. The excutioners were armed with Vigneron stenguns. De Witte described in detail every moment of the execution.

What is perhaps the most shocking of de Witte's reconstruction of the liquidation by Washington and Brussels of a man who literally never killed a fly, but who demonstrated genuine patriotism and love for his country, to start anew and build an independent African nation from the smoking ruins of Belgian colonialism and imperialism, that prior to de Witte no-one ever bothered to seriously discover what exactly had happened to this African hero. Let alone to begin a search for American and Belgian conspirators responsible for his untimely death. Lumumba' s rights were ignored and criminally neglected, both as citizen and family man, or as legal Prime Minister of the nation. It took till June 27, 2001 for Raoul Peck to bring out the movie *Lumumba* during the Film Forum of New York City.

18 September 1961 I noted in my diary writing at UN headquarters in New York: 'Something has happened to Dag Hammerskjöld. He disappeared somewhere in Northern Rhodesia in a DC-6B. Later the news said that while on a peace mission in Congo his plane came down 12 kilometers from Ndola Airport. There had been 14 people aboard. Only one security agent, Harold Julian of the UN is alive. Hammerskjöld was about to meet Moise Thsombe. By 1 p.m. Ralph Bunche and Andrew Cordier were giving a press conference. Exact information was not yet available. Press Officer of the USSR Mission at the UN, Mike Polonik said to me, 'We perhaps sharply criticise the Secretary General, you, in the West simply kill him'.[13] The disappearance of the Secretary-General of the UN in 1961, so soon after the death of Lumumba, has since been shrouded in mystery as well. There were occasional reports, that the

Swedish diplomat had indeed been murdered. In the wreckage of the plane investigators found one corpse more, than given on the passenger list. Who knows what certain intelligence services had in mind getting rid of him too. Who will eventually write the true story of what happened to him and why?

Castro

Following a lecture booked by W. Colston Leigh in West Palm Beach, I arrived January 21, 1960 with a Viscount plane of Cubana Airlines in Havana. Fidel Castro had descended in 1959 from the Sierra Maestra to take the country by storm. The US had reacted as a much wronged child, that had lost a favourite toy. Cuba was the preferred Caribbean vacation spot for Yankees with the many casinos and cheap whore houses. The young revolutionaries were intent to clean up Cuba's act, drive out the foreign gamblers and pimps, and bring some social justice to the place. Washington spy establishments worked overtime to put the pieces of the Castro jigsaw together. Was he a communist? The man was after the rich and defending the poor. To American simpletons this made his red sympathies abundantly clear. Communism had arrived at Uncle Sam's doorstep. Extreme measures were warranted. Eisenhower and Nixon planned a quick invasion. JFK, new at running Foreign Policy, almost forgot that the US was a signatory to the UN Charter. When he was about to invade Cuba and use B-52 bombers from secret CIA airfields in Guatemala, someone told him in the nick of time, that sending US pilots over Cuba amounted to an act of war against a fellow member state of the United Nations. Those were the years, that I lectured to US audiences from Sheboygan, Wisconsin to Corpus

Christi, Texas and discovered, that a frightening number of perfectly law-abiding American citizens felt the US should have never joined the UN

Fidel realized full well, that the US represented Cuba's primary life-line. Most of the sugar production went to the north American continent. Business tycoons preferred Cuban cigars. Castro boarded, after being only a few months in power, a flight to Washington. Realizing that his hands still showed the legacy of camping out in Cuban mountains, he allowed himself a manicure on the plane to present himself properly at the White House. President Eisenhower felt he was far too upperclass to award the bearded revolutionary entry into the Oval office. Probably his shoes weren't clean. Ike was therefore absent and played golf in Georgia. The job to talk to Castro was left to Richard Nixon, which guaranteed disastrous consequences. Nixon too avoided receiving the Cuban at the White House and saw his guest for two and the halfhours in the vice-presidential office at the Capitol Building. In his 703 page biography 'Fidel'[14], *New York Times* writer Tad Szulc recalled Castro was endlessly battered, while in Washington in April 1959, with questions about his Marxists sympathies. 'We are not communists, 'he replied over and over again'.[15]

'In New York, he spent four days as a conquering hero,' wrote Szulc, 'touring the United Nations, addressing a nighttime crowd of 30.000 in Central Park, visiting the Coffee and Sugar Exchange and City Hall, and speaking at luncheons and dinners to publishers, businessmen and financiers. He made a superb impression,' noted Szulc. From New York Castro travelled by train to Boston, delivered a speech at Harvard, and went on to Montreal. That was 1959. But the guys, Castro was really up against and did not meet were the evil spirits that ran the Washington Secret team. They had already firmly decided, that Fidel had to go. His mouth outsized his brain. He was a secret lackey of the Kremlin. A firm characteristic of

Washington spooks is, that they think they know, what goes on in Cuba, Vietnam, Congo, Indonesia or the USSR, to name a few of their favourite hunting grounds, while in reality these feeble minded bigots, that advise US presidents, have no clue of new realities in the world and are living in a fools paradise. What they do best is messing up other peoples lives out of ignorance and plain stupidity. Like Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West-Germany once told Sir Ivon Kirkpatrick, the British High Commissioner in Bonn, 'it is a pity that God limited the intelligence of man without limiting his stupidity.'[16] Colonel L. Fletcher Prouty was once a liaison officer between the Pentagon and the CIA. He wrote, that the most remarkable development during the first 25 years since World War II was the fundamental change in the management of Foreign Affairs in Washington. He meant, that more and more control over military and diplomatic operations at home and abroad was exerted by men whose activities are secret, whose budget is secret, whose very identities are secret. Prouty: 'The Secret Team (ST) consists of security-cleared individuals in and out government who receive secret intelligence data gathered by the CIA and the National Security Agency (NSA)', he noted in *The Secret Team*, with the subtitle: *The CIA and its Allies in Control of the United States and the World.*[17] 'They react to those data, when it seems appropriate to them, with paramilitary plans and activities. Membership is granted on need to know basis.'

Speaking of the ST power structure, colonel Prouty continued: 'The power of the Team derives from its vast intergovernmental undercover infrastructure and its direct relationship with great private industries, mutual funds and investment houses, universities, and the news media, including foreign and domestic publishing houses.' He stressed, that the ST lived by 'the cult of the gun, while it probably will never be revealed who killed Rafael Trujillo, Ngo Dinh Diem, Ngo Dinh

Nhu, Dag Hammerskjöld, John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King and others.' He continued, 'At the heart of the ST are, of course, a handful of top executives of the CIA and the National Security Council (NSC), most notably the chief White House advisor to the President on Foreign Policy.'

'Around them revolves a sort of inner ring of Presidential officials, civilians and military men from the Pentagon, and career professionals in the intelligence community. It is often quite difficult to tell exactly who many of these men really are, because some may wear a uniform and the rank of general and really be with the CIA and others may be as inconspicuous as the executive assistant of some Cabinet officer's chief deputy. Out beyond this ring is an extensive and intricate network of government officials with responsibility for, or expertise in, some specific field that touches on national affairs or foreign affairs. All true members of the ST remain in the power center whether in office with the incumbent Administration or out of office with the hardcore set. They simply rotate to and from official jobs and the business world or the pleasant haven of academe,' Prouty summed up.

Ten years after the publication of *The Invisible Government* by David Wise and Thomas Ross an Air Force colonel, and eye witness from within the governing apparatus in Washington succeeded in presenting a clearer picture of the inner workings of the US ruling clique disguised in mysterious clouds. I went to see colonel Prouty in the seventies and filmed him for Dutch television. We kept in touch for the next quarter century. I mentioned him to Oliver Stone, who invited him to become his top advisor for the movie 'JFK', but later they fell out in disagreement. Colonel Prouty clarified who were the real Nimrods hunting down, for instance, Fidel Castro. He stressed to me, that the ST was in fact a bewildering collection of semi-permanent or temporarily assembled action committees and

networks that respond pretty much ad hoc to specific troublespots and to flash intelligence data inputs from various parts of the world. Those insider words echoed in my mind, when the Bush junior Administration managed to capture the power center in December 2000 and brought back an array of officials once close to his father, himself an ex CIA boss. According to *The New York Times*, they speak at CIA headquarters of 'daddy's daily briefings' referring to the fact, that Papa in Houston, Texas keeps his finger on the pulse of world affairs via CIA information and then plays golf with his son to give fatherly advice. The Bush II Administration qualifies as a super Secret Team club.

The history of more than forty years of Secret War by the ST against Cuba is well-known. Fidel's trip to the US in 1959 was a flop, Inspire of Tad Szulc's evaluation that he did a superb job at selling the Revolution with those he spoke to. But he obviously met the wrong people. Eisenhower continued the blockade. JFK invaded the Bay of Pigs and US-Cuban relations reached a point of no return as a result of sheer ignorance and stupidity among the morons in the ST. In 1961 a White House think tank designed 'Operation Mongoose'. Details came only recently to light thanks to a British historian, Mark White, who published in 1999 *The Kennedys and Cuba, The Declassified Documentary History*[18]. Neither Castro, nor anyone in the world, was aware at the time, that Robert Kennedy was leading the National Security Committee 5412, set up in maximum secrecy in order to decide which foreign individuals or which foreign governments were to be liquidated or overthrown when they stood in the way of total American hegemony. I might add, that Castro biographer Szulc himself was asked by JFK, when they met at the White House, 'What would you think, if I ordered Castro to be assassinated?'[19]

In 1972 Congress had woken up sufficiently from its hibernation and near blindness to what was happening in secret all

around them, that it installed the Senator Frank Church Committee to look into the foolish blunders of the covert Wild Bill Boys. It was discovered, that with full knowledge of the White House Fidel had been subjected to receiving poison pills, a poison pen, poisoned cigars, a diving suit contaminated with disease-bearing fungus, and last but not least an exotic seashell, rigged to explode in an area where Castro usually went skin diving. These data were presented by David Wise in his book *The American Police State*[20]. The Church Committee further discovered that criminal minds within the intelligence community had prepared for the killing of Fidel six gelatin capsules filled with a liquid botulinum toxin, which had first been tried on monkeys to make sure Castro would die from them too. JFK had established contacts with Chicago gangster Sam Giancana, and former Mafia boss in Havana, Santos Trafficante. The price on Fidel's head rose to 150.00 dollars to be paid by the White House. The plot was even strengthened by bringing in another mobster, formerly working for billionaire Howard Hughes, by the name of John Rosselli. He was the crook, who brought the six capsules to Havana. He knew that they would not work in hot soup. The plan never materialized, because the Soviets taught Castro how to protect himself.

Giancana was shot at his Chicago suburban home to prevent him from testifying in the Church Committee. Trafficante's corpse was found drifting in an oildrum of the coast off Florida. Rosselli denied he had anything to do with the gelatin capsules. Nobody seems to know how many assassination attempts were dreamt up in Washington against Fidel Castro, Saddam Hussein, Sukarno, Nasser, Nkrumah, Qadaffi and scores of foreign leaders, because it will probably take another outside historian to skim the Washington secret files, or what is left of them, to discover the facts and the truth of who were or are the number one war criminals.

In 1960, at a reception in the Algerian Embassy in Havana I met the entire revolutionary command, Fidel, Raoul, Che Guevara and others, plus dr. Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, those days the only long-time communist among the Fidelistas. He struck me as a man with an excellent mind. I stayed in touch with him and in 1985 we worked together on an interview book in the Presidencia in Havana, when Fidel asked us to wait until his own biography Tad Szulc was writing with him was finished and in the bookshops. I left for a stay of six years in South-Africa and although the first 100 pages were taped, written, and approved, we never resumed our work. The 64.000 dollar question about Fidel has always been: was he a communist, when he came down from the Sierra Maestra or did he become one in a defiant reaction to the US economic blockade and he was only saying, he had always been a communist, to get back at the Washington assassins.

On October 5, 1960, a summit of world leaders was in progress during the opening days of the 15th General Assembly at the UN. The Rumanian permanent representative, Silvio Brucan gave a reception. Nikita Khrushchev was one of his guests. A few of us were talking with the Russian, when Harison Salisbury of *The New York Times* asked the premier whether he felt Fidel was a communist. 'When we would have more leaders like Castro among socialist nations our prospects would not be good,' he replied.[21] The Politburo in Moscow obviously looked upon Fidel in the 1960's not to be taken seriously since they saw him as a bourgeois revolutionary.

I visited Cuba regularly since 1960. On May 2, 1962, I stood on the beach of the Bay of Pigs, trying to figure out how the ST could have ever been that dumb to land there with 1.500 mercenaries being encircled by 20.000 angry Cuban soldiers ready for the kill. One subject that regularly came up in my frequent meetings over a period of 25 years with Carlos Rafael was the ultimate answer to the question if Fidel had always been a

commie. My conclusion is, that he had been telling the truth, when he visited Washington in 1959 and denied Communist links, and emphasized he was not prepared to be anybody's puppet, or dance with his nationalistic Latin anti-Yankee temperament to anyone's tune. A future historian will some day prove, that his supposed allegiance to Marxism-Leninism long before his Revolution was indeed Fidel's biggest lie. His propinquity after 1961 to the Kremlin was directly forced upon him by daydreamers and imbeciles in the Secret Team and elsewhere in Washington.

Sukarno

Indonesia declared Independence August 17, 1945. Sukarno became the first president of the fourth largest country in the world. Mohammed Hatta was his runningmate and became vice-president. The Dutch colonialists considered this declaration of freedom illegal and sent an Army to restore ‘order’. Holland launched two so-called police actions to destroy Sukarno's young Republic. Indonesia's foreign service had just been created and was working overtime in Washington. They hired lawyer Joseph Borkin to approach individual US Senators for help. A letter written by Borkin and signed by a dozen Senators got to President Truman's desk suggesting a withdrawal of US Marshall Plan aid to Holland if military actions against Indonesia were not halted forthwith. The trick worked. The Dutch Government withdrew its troops and transferred sovereignty December 30, 1949.

Borkin, an American Jew, became a close friend of the President of the world's largest Muslim nation. In 1978 Borkin published *The Crime and Punishment of I.G. Farben* with subtitle: *The startling account of the unholy alliance of Adolf Hitler and*

Germany's great chemical combine.[22] *The Wall Street Journal* called the book 'a masterly account of an industrial machine gone mad.' Joe was for many years a friend of mine. He kept all his documentation on Indonesia, including personal letters from Sukarno at hand, and was planning a book about the Indonesian President. An untimely heart failure ended Joe's life. His reminiscences about Sukarno were never written.

Naturally, the Washington intelligence fraternity was convinced, they knew best what kind of leftist fellow-travelling chap Sukarno really was. Already in 1950 a Dutch soldier of fortune, Werner Verrips, was commissioned to investigate how Sukarno could be gotten rid of in an unobtrusive manner. With his partners he robbed on December 20, 1950 a bank in Surabaya, East Java, to finance this bravado enterprise. Verrips was arrested, spent a number of years in an Indonesian jail, returned to Holland, resumed his undercover activities and died in an automobile accident December 4, 1964.

The 1958 CIA coup against Sukarno I referred to earlier. In between there were at least five attempts on Sukarno's life, who all failed. A second full scale coup occurred in 1965. I saw it coming. So did Sukarno. It was for a long time in the works. In 1962 Ujeng Suwargana, an envoy for general Abdul Haris Nasution, travelled to Paris, Bonn, The Hague and Washington to inform politicians, diplomats, publishers and journalists, that Sukarno was to be overthrown. Nasution would become head-of-state. Ujeng visited me in New York and I took him and his wife on March 17, 1962 to dinner at my favorite Greenwich Village restaurant 'Finale'. He quoted Sukarno as once having said, 'I am like a flower, I am rather picked than withering away', by which the President had meant according to this man, that he preferred to die a hero, than he would be forced to resign the presidency.'[23]

It became clear to me that evening in New York, that a group

of generals were plotting against their President. Since Sukarno had became increasingly surrounded by sycophants and schemers of Indonesian intelligence services under the direction of Foreign Minister dr. Subandrio, the President and I set up a secret channel, through which we could circumvent unwarranted sabotage of our contacts. For many years I sent letters through general Suhardjo Hardjowardojo, the chief of the military house of the President. Sometimes with questions, sometimes with information. When *The Invisible Gavernment* was published in 1964, I immediately drew Sukarno's attention via our private channel to this publication. In *The American Police State* in 1975, David Wise mentioned, that somewhat to his surprise, the Indonesian Embassy in Washington D.C. ordered in 1964 twenty copies of his first book to be distributed among members of the Indonesian cabinet.[24] Also, Sukarno called in US ambassador Howard Jones and lectured him on the unacceptability of the behaviour of 'the invisible government' in Washington.

David Wise mentioned in 1975 as well, how the CIA had gone into the pornographic movie business, financing a porno film, *Happy Days*, starring an actor resembling President Sukarno. The Intelligence Committee of the House of Representatives discovered this idiotic gem, for which an Asian man had undergone plastic surgery so he would look more like the Indonesian head-of-state, who at the time was in power. It was the Secret team's way of trying to damage Sukarno's reputation. Reading in 2001 *The New York Times* bestseller, *The Hunting of the President, The Ten Year Campaign to destroy Bill and Hillary Clinton* by Joe Conason & Gene Lyons the professional Washington 'hunters' of enemies have indeed considerably improved their Gestapo skills.[25]

Wise named in his 1975 book additional CIA plums. King Hussein of Jordan, and various other foreign leaders, were regularly procured by women, who were paid by federal funds.

The CIA under direct pressure from both LBJ and Nixon launched ‘Operation Chaos’, which meant spying on US citizens, infiltrating antiwar groups, and compiling unfavourable files on 300.000 people. The CIA experimented with mind altering drugs on persons that did not know hallucinogens were being given to them. The CIA provided disguises to the White House burglars who broke into Watergate. The CIA, in violation of its charter, prepared a psychological profile of Daniel Ellsberg, the patriot who leaked the notorious Pentagon Papers to *The New York Times*. In violation of strict federal law, the CIA secretly opened, read, photographed and resealed hundreds of thousands of letters dispatched within the US. They are most likely doing the same today, probably on a considerably larger scale.

With LBJ's decision to widen the war in Vietnam Sukarno became a liability to the Washington warmongers in Southeast Asia. He clearly sided with China and North-Vietnam and felt the US had no business in Asia at all. This made him in the eyes of the ST and their congenial spirits in the invisible government, a Communist as well. Don't ever expect subtle nuances from the mindscapes of US intelligence boys. The JFK Administration had gone out of its way to lend an ear to Sukarno's views. The Kennedy's respected him for his 1955 initiative of bringing Afro-Asian nations together in Bandung. Sukarno created the Non-Aligned Movement of governments, that were prepared to play a mediating role between the superpowers and try to get the Cold War over with.

The second Non-Aligned conference was held in Belgrade in 1961. As special envoys of that summit, Jawaharlal Nehru (India) and Kwame Nkrumah (Ghana) flew to Moscow: Sukarno (Indonesia) and Modibo Keita (Mali) flew to Washington. The nations of the developing world were urging Khrushchev and Kennedy to halt the arms race and stop building ever more missiles with multiple nuclear warheads. The simple message

was: don't waste your brains and resources on inventions how to wipe each other out, but sit down and talk together until you find a compromise acceptable to both.

Roger Hilsman demonstrated in chapter 25 of his book that the Kennedy Administration did read the finer points in Sukarno's mind. He recalled that the Indonesian leader's two visits to the Kennedy White House went well. ‘Kennedy recognized the politician and dedicated nationalist in Sukarno’. Aside from the embarrassing ignorance of American spies on the subject of Sukarno, members of Congress competed with each other as to who would find the biggest insult. Congressman William Bloomfield, also a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called Sukarno in a speech on the floor of the House, ‘a power-mad dictator, a despot, a bully, a Hitler and an international juvenile delinquent’[26] Hilsman mentioned these details in his book to illustrate what he, as JFK's Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, was up against. ‘In Congress’, he wrote, ‘knowledge of Indonesia was superficial at best.’ Those then are the blessings of democracy at work.

‘Shortly after Averell Harriman (former US ambassador to Moscow and London and governor of the state of New York) was nominated by JFK to succeed Hilsman as Under Secretary of State for Far eastern Affairs, he gave a television interview. The questioner dropped the remark, ‘that Communist Sukarno.’ Harriman got mad and snorted back: ‘He is not a communist, he is a nationalist!’.[27]

During Sukarno's April 25, 1961 visit to the Oval Office, JFK had asked him to elaborate on where the Indonesian leader stood on the Cold War. He replied, that he was prepared to tell JFK, but only to him and alone. They withdrew to Kennedy's bedroom and they talked there. Of course, JFK was better informed on Sukarno, than representative Bloomfield, who behaved like a silly blabbermouth, or better than the Donovan boys in

the invisible government. While JFK was making the effort to become informed on Indonesia and its leader, Dallas ended all of that. With Lyndon Johnson, the Eisenhower-Dulles mentality returned to the White House, which meant in practice, the CIA was getting a free hand again and a second opportunity to set up a coup in Jakarta and get rid of Sukarno permanently.

The Secret Team scenario for these bloody events is always the same. First rumours are spread, in this case by Ujeng Suwaragana and others, that a Council of Generals had been formed to topple Sukarno. The president took these whispers seriously and dispatched one of his aides, colonel Magenda to Washington and New York to check out the Ujeng story. It proved to be true. When in the night of September 30, 1965 some members of the presidential Tjakrabirawa Guard picked up six top generals, including general Yani, Chief of the Army, who was a blameless Sukarno loyalist, the confusion was total. The enemies of the President led by general Suharto, were promptly accusing Sukarno of having launched a pre-emptive strike against his presumed enemies. Events that fateful night in Indonesian history amounted to a shrewd scheme.

Sukarno's immense popularity with the masses was intentionally placed under a cloud of suspicion. Indonesians became confused and did not rally around their president as expected under normal circumstances. Did he side with the Communists as his enemies were saying? When General Suharto and officers loyal to him, discovered the six generals had been killed, they attributed these murders to Gerwani, women of the PKI (Partai Kommunis Indonesia). In other words, the 1965 coup, like its predecessor in 1958, was portrayed as fundamentally necessary to prevent the Communists from grabbing power. This time the people were told after Suharto took control over the media, that Sukarno himself had sided with the PKI. The people should have known better

but the killings of the generals placed the verisimilitude on the side of Suharto. Even Peking was said to have been directly involved, an additional lie dreamt up in Washington.

October 1, 1965, Sukarno intended to replace General Yani with General Pranoto Reksosamudro. But Suharto decided differently. He appointed himself Commander-in-Chief of the Army. That was the decisive moment that the 1965 coup took place. There and then Suharto committed insubordination and high treason vis à vis Sukarno as President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. Suharto's noble alibi, 'save the nation from Communism.'

With Sukarno's influence reduced to a semblance of presidential power, Suharto was soon to become the Pot Pot of Southeast Asia. While the Indonesian military dictator butchered peasants, workers and citizens to the left, Pot Pot did the same with the intelligentsia and people to the right. According to Washington, Suharto was doing a similar splendid job. In reality, Pot Pot was a first class War Criminal and so was Suharto.

Suharto began by summarily liquidating the entire top of the PKI. The ST in Washington danced. Next Suharto ordered bloodthirsty paratroop colonel Sarwo Edhie to organize a nationwide raid on Communists, and pro Sukarno patriots, which resulted in the largest bloodbath Southeast Asia had hitherto seen. *The Economist* estimated the mass extermination of suspected Communists and Sukarno loyalists following the 1965 coup at 500.000. Suharto truly makes Slobodan Milosevic pale into a miserable amateur. Yet, Milosevic is sweating it out as a War Crimes suspect in The Hague, while it proved impossible to bring Suharto to book, after he was driven out of power in 1998. The best his successors could do, is place him under house-arrest. Washington always continues to protect War Criminals that served them well. Augusto Pinochet of Chili is another case in point. A lifetime patronage of CIA rogues is

guaranteed by the Secret Team. At the same time, this Washington protection of War Criminals increases suspicions that chaps like Suharto, Mobuto or Pinochet were indeed murdering and stealing as Quislings for Washington carrying out the wishes of the invisibles of the CIA.

Even Bill Clinton had referred in the nineties to Suharto as ‘our boy in Jakarta’. It might have been a slip of the tongue, but at the same time it tells the story of Washington's selective indignation, when people are massacred in our nowadays world. Killing leftists is good. Killing rightists is bad. Intelligence operations are designed to protect the killers and prevent the truth from ever becoming known. Sometimes by accident bits and pieces do surface. Former State Department official, William Blum, wrote in 2000 about the 1965 Jakarta coup: ‘it was later learned that the US embassy in Indonesia had compiled lists of “Communists”, from the top echelon down to village cadres, as many as 5.000 names, and turned them over to the Army (Suharto) which then hunted those persons down and killed them.’[28] Blum referred to an *Associated Press* story of a former US diplomat in Jakarta who finally did talk.

Sihanouk

Sukarno and prince Norodom Sihanouk of the kingdom of Cambodia were since many years friends and shared views on world affairs, including within the group of non-aligned Afro-Asian nations. When Sukarno was ousted by a CIA coup, Sihanouk said in an interview, that he did not understand, how the Indonesian President could have been taken by surprise knowing for a long time, that the CIA had targeted him. However, the prince was going to be faced with a CIA surprise him-

self. March 18, 1970, while Sihanouk was in Moscow for a stop-over on his way home, he became another CIA victim, when traitor General Lon Nol grabbed power in Pnom Penh. Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger were still on the warpath in Southeast Asia and had decided on the advice of the bright minds within the Secret Team, that it was best to quickly invade Laos and Cambodia as well, because it would prevent Ho Chi-minh from supplying the Vietcong in the south. Sihanouk was not prepared to accept US troops operating on Cambodian soil. Therefore, he had to go. Hence, the Lon Nol coup. April 30, 1970 the US invasion began. Washington policy-makers had long ceased to observe international law or worry about violating treaties Washington had promoted and duly signed, like the Charter of the UN, which protected Cambodia from this type of Hitlerite invasion, at least on paper. Nixon and Kissinger followed strictly Third Reich methods in achieving their goals.

In his book, written with journalist Wilfrid Burchett, *My War with the CIA*[29], prince Sihanouk said, 'It is worse than what Hitler did (...) What is the difference between burning and gassing people in ovens and doing it to a whole nation in the open? That is just what the US of President Nixon is doing today (...) In Cambodia, it is happening before our eyes, as part of a deliberate US policy (...) to destroy present an future generations of Cambodians by also destroying our environment. Once nature dies, man also dies.'

The terrorists in Washington plainly waged genocide in Cambodia, as they were already doing for years in Vietnam and as they did five years before in Indonesia with the assistance of another CIA traitor, Suharto. Sihanouk spoke of 'the barbaric US aggression' in his country. He recalled he had often pondered the dangers that had been looming from Washington. 'The only thing I had not anticipated, was that the US would take part directly in trying to tear our country to pieces (...)

We were being punished, humiliated, and being prepared for the choppingbloc, because we had stood on our dignity. We refused to become US puppets, or join the anti-communist crusade. We spurned the billion dollars rewards for such a role. That was our crime in the eyes of successive US Administrations.' Sukarno could have written the same lines, I know.

The prince explained in his book why he refused to submit to Washington's wishes to allow US troops to engage in combat with the north Vietnamese on Cambodian soil. 'To cover up their battlefield defeats in South Vietnam, American commanders, especially Generals William Westmoreland and Creighton Abrams maintained the only thing preventing complete US victory was the existence of sanctuaries in Cambodia used by the Vietcong.' Sihanouk refused. 'It would have meant surrendering our neutrality. Secondly, I, together with a vast majority of Cambodian people, sympathised with Vietnamese resistance against US aggression.' He made it clear, 'It is true, I did not want Communism in Cambodia. Under the influence of Lon Nol - as I clearly understood when it was too late - he wanted me to concentrate my attention on an enemy of the left to conceal his own plotting on the extreme right.' Of course, Sihanouk wanted to return immediately after the news of the coup from Moscow to Pnom Penh. 'But Lon Nol was thorough and ruthless,' he noted. The CIA indeed works preferably with bloody murderers. The prince was informed, that if he had at the time of the coup been in his homeland, he would have been killed. Now, the plotters feared his speedy return. What if in the end the Army would side with him instead of Lon Nol? Therefore, a message was sent to Moscow, that whatever company would fly the legal head-of-state back to Cambodia, the plotters would confiscate the plane and arrest the crew. The prince called Lon Nol 'an archtraitor.'[30]

Sihanouk experienced the same problems with Eisenhower

and Dulles, as Sukarno had in the fifties. He talked in 1953 for one hour with John Foster Dulles in Washington and came away from the meeting alarmed. Dulles had shouted at the prince: 'Defeat Communism in your area!' Quite disarmingly, Sihanouk noted in his book, 'I felt like telling him not to worry too much about our affairs.'[31]

Both leaders were convinced the Eisenhower Administration suffered from an 'idée fixe' about Communism. Suharto between 1965 and 1967, when he finally took de facto power, exerted extreme pressure on President Sukarno to condemn the Partai Kommunis Indonesia (PKI) for the coup of 1965. Like Sihanouk, Sukarno too, knew that this second effort to oust him, was purely and exclusively another Washington initiated affair. President Sukarno, whom I visited at length during October 1966 and filmed for Dutch television - I bagged at the same time Suharto's first TV interview ever - was just as certain as prince Sihanouk, who the real guilty party was. While Suharto, edged on by American agents, who were in constant touch with his top aides, launched a nationwide witch hunt. Suharto's soldiers were decapitating communists with the CIA supplied list in hand. They obviously began to like their job. Not the 5.000 people on the CIA list were hacked to death - the Army of Suharto tried to save bullets - but hundreds of thousands of Indonesians were slaughtered in the wake of the murder of six of their generals. If that bloodbath does not qualify the fascist Indonesian dictator for a one-way ticket to The Hague, what does? Perhaps Pot Pot did surpass Suharto as an Asian war criminal, but he passed away some time ago and is unable to stand trial anymore. Does this mean Suharto should go free, because the CIA still protects Lyndon Johnson's boy, who, 30 years later was Clinton's boy?

During a series of conversations with President Sukarno during October 1966, both at the Merdeka Palace in Jakarta and the Bogor Summer Palace in the mountains, it became clear to

me, that the father of the nation, like his friend Sihanouk, was firmly convinced that Indonesia like Cambodia had suffered a mortifying blow through direct CIA intervention by playing generals against each other. To him, what had happened during the night of September 30-October 1, 1965 was an inter-Army affair intentionally provoked by the CIA. The President was convinced the PKI was not guilty of what Suharto and his clique accused them of. Who really wished the Indonesian Communists decimated? The Wild Bill Donovan boys were running a crusade against communists everywhere. Washington was once more the guilty party as Super Rogue State in the world. Not Moscow and not Peking, as the Suharto evildoers and the CIA were saying.

Sihanouk referred in his book to the Suharto coup and wrote, 'With the help of psychological warfare specialists from Indonesia who had engineered a slander campaign against Sukarno, Lon Nol and Sink Matak whipped up a campaign against the monarchy.'[32] Like in Jakarta in 1965, in Pnom Penh in 1970 slogans appeared everywhere, accusing the monarchy of always having been traitors. Where did Lon Nol and Suharto - the real traitors - get their script from? From the criminals in Washington, who trumped up these barefaced lies in their screwy crusade against Marxism-Leninism. In Jakarta, indeed, the CIA followed a similar scenario. In 1966, when I was there, Suharto and the Army were whipping up anti-Sukarno sentiments through so-called action-fronts, like KABI, Indonesian Worker's Action Front, KAGI, Indonesian Teachers Action Front, KAMI, Indonesian Students Action Front, KAPPI, Indonesian High School Students and Youths Action Front, KASI, Indonesian Scholars Action Front, and KAWI, Indonesian Women's Action Front.

I went to see the guys of the KAMI and filmed them I interviewed a leader Cosmas Batubara, a hot tempered and empty headed idiot, who had no clue to what extent he was being

used by Army traitors. Indonesians were like wax in the hands of rogue elements at the top of the US Government. Cosmas was largely rewarded by Suharto for the violent demonstrations he helped organize against Sukarno and appointed cabinet minister to join the stool pigeons that were stealing themselves rich. Army trucks shuttled the anti Sukarno demonstrators to wherever they were planning trouble for the legal Government. Where the funds came from to finance the anti Sukarno baiting was anybody's guess. President Sukarno mentioned these activities to me and had received information that, for instance, camouflage jackets had come from US clothing dumps, and had been paid for by Australian intelligence, always ready to back up the US and British services when they were somewhere on the warpath. He spoke directly about the CIA involvement in Jakarta to me, as Sihanouk did in his 1973 book. After 1967 Sukarno became a prisoner of Suharto and was never in a position to write additional memoirs. He, too, would have chosen the title, *My War with the CIA*.

Sukarno, too, could have written a passage that Sihanouk entered in his book. He lived at the time in Peking and often talked with Mao Tsetung. During one such conversation, Mao observed: 'Prince Sihanouk, I like to talk with you. You speak frankly and express your ideas courageously (...) You deserve to be a Communist.' The prince replied: 'Monsieur le President, really I can't.' Mao laughed and said: 'You are intelligent, you are hard working. You could start studying.' Sihanouk replied: 'I am too lazy to plough through the works of Marx, Lenin and others.'[33]

Sukarno had not been too lazy to page through Communist philosophers. During eleven and a half years of detention in the days of Dutch colonialism, he had spent his time well and read hundreds of books. He knew exactly why he was opposed to dictatorship in any form. As he sneered in his autobiography, published in New York the year of the second CIA coup,

that he, Sukarno, 'lover of God was being labelled a fat communist.'[34] He was aware of the nonsense US media were writing about him, or of the insults heaped on him in Congress. He asked whether there was a difference between being forced to lie, as the controlled press in communist countries was doing or being totally free to lie, as western media were doing. 'Both are equally destructive', he added.[35]

Incidentally, Sukarno recalled in his memoir his 1956 official visit to the White House. Eisenhower did not meet his plane, like JFK did in 1961. Eisenhower did not welcome Sukarno entering the White House. He even made his Indonesian guest wait one hour in an anteroom, when Sukarno finally asked the Chief of Protocol in a sharp tone what was going on. Only then, he was rushed into the Oval Office. Ike's boorish behavior was, of course, totally inexcusable. He had probably been advised to make a fool of himself by the two psychotic characters, who were his top-advisors at the time, John Foster Dulles (State Department) and Allen Dulles (CIA). Unfortunately, the much hailed Western democratic system of managing state affairs, virtually guarantees installing persons to jobs they are indubitably unsuited for. Which reminds me of a longtime friendship with dr. Arnold Hutschnecker, the Park Avenue psychiatrist, consulted by Richard Nixon after he lost the California election. Hutschnecker, now 102 years old, has campaigned since the 70s for 'Psychiatry at High Levels of Government'[36].

'Perhaps the time has come for us,' he wrote, 'the people who love our country, who respect its laws, who cherish freedom and who are responsible and independent men and women (...) to apply psychodynamic principles and explore possibilities other than purely political to secure that our best and brightest leaders are also our mentally and morally healthiest and soundest.' Hutschnecker flatly advocated, that future US leaders should have their heads examined - as is be-

ing done with applications for top jobs in the business world - prior to announcing their candidacy for the White House. A quarter of a century has passed since this sensible suggestion was first put on paper, but nothing has changed. Remember Texas and Florida in 2000.

The Cambodian killing-fields became a symbol to the world of what happens if US rogues of the likes of Nixon and Kissinger run amok. The mass slaughter of millions following the Nixon-Kissinger invasion of 1970 was not the result of aggression by Moscow or Peking, but bore the mark of the CIA, the Pentagon, and the neurotic Secret Team, that had gone on a rampage once more, this time in Southeast Asia to save the world for freedom and democracy. Only a quarter of a century later an aged Sihanouk finally returned to his land of birth, to find it in smoking ruins courtesy of the American liberators who in 1970 installed the Quisling puppet Lon Nol.

Old Henry continues to publish books, like his most recent masterpiece *Does America Need a Foreign Policy*?. Nick Cohen reviewed the book in the *London Observer* and stressed, that the poor man keeps to rail against tyrants, totally oblivious to his own guilt. He received when in Paris a summons from a French judge, who wanted to question him in relation to French citizens that disappeared during the Pinochet regime in Chili. Kissinger refused to accept the papers and left France in a hurry. In Chili a judge wanted to question him about the murder of Charles Horman, an American journalist. Cohen added, 'Like a terrorist who refuses to recognise the validity of the courts, Kissinger rejects in his book the validity of prosecution in the abstract without once mentioning the charge sheet or declaring his interest.' And Cohen ends: 'Kissinger complains that politicians who may have murdered thousands are treated like ordinary criminals who kill one or two. Not once does he acknowledge or attempt to refute the allegation that he is covered in enough blood to make a psychopath wince.'

Bhutto

Ali Bhutto, Foreign Minister at the time he became a friend of Sukarno, and later Prime Minister of Pakistan was hanged April 4, 1979 at 2 a.m. He was a sharp critic of US Foreign Policy. Pakistan was historically a Washington ally and for many years a member of the South East Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO). This was a US and British initiated pact to so-called protect the region from supposed Communist hordes dispatched by Peking, or for that matter from the USSR. Bhutto agreed with Sukarno and Sihanouk, that American soldiers should quit the former Indo-China altogether. He emphasized this critical stance of Washington even at UN headquarters. That was the last straw for what the Secret Team could stomach from Bhutto. The crazy minds of these disreputable US characters wanted the man stone dead, and that is, as usual, what they get.

On the very day General Zia-ul Haq declared Martial Law for Pakistan, July 5, 1977, Bhutto was arrested. Five and a half years, he had served his country as a Foreign Minister, as Prime Minister and President, as well as Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces. From one day to the other he was called by general Zia ‘a demoniac threat to the security of Pakistan.’ Bhutto had all along been very much aware that ‘the bloodhounds are after my blood,’ he had warned in a speech in parliament referring to ‘an international conspiracy’ to get him. This meant: Washington, who else?

In 1966, his friend Sukarno related to me an incident that took place a year earlier in Caïro. The Indonesian President and the then Foreign Minister Bhutto, were talking in the lobby of a hotel, when Sukarno was approached by an American girl, introducing herself as Pat Price. She said, she was planning a book on Indonesia and was Sukarno prepared to help her?

The President made a promise and Pat went on her way. But Ali Bhutto said 'Watch out' and was suspicious of another CIA move. Sukarno: 'I arranged for her to come to Indonesia. I received her at Merdeka Palace. I gave her a female assistant to easily find her way around. She started work. After a few months I was handed a report by our intelligence service. That sweet, coquettish Miss Price turned out to indeed be a CIA agent. She had been carefully followed by our security service. She used everywhere my name, and my introduction, and misused my assistance and our hospitality, because in fact she was an ordinary CIA spy.'

'How certain are you she was CIA?', I asked. 'She had meetings in the middle of the night with other US agents. She had frequent encounters with members of the US Embassy at unusual times and at unusual places. What especially drew the attention of our service were camouflaged meetings with the US military attaché. She succeeded to work herself into some of the highest circles of our military establishment.'[37]

Like Sihanouk and Bhutto, President Sukarno was very much aware of the CIA's dirty business in Southeast Asia. On October 6, 1966, Sukarno told me: 'The CIA is fishing in troubled waters of eight countries in our region. President Nasser warned me. He sent a general as a personal envoy, who had been instructed only to speak with me. They had discovered documentary proof in Egypt of CIA activities here. Other documentary proof had been found in Syria, because the ambassador of that country came to see me likewise. You are a journalist. You must go on digging for the facts.' I might add, here that also Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, whom I interviewed and filmed three times in the seventies and eighties referred repeatedly to 'the contemptible CIA games' in India.[38]

Ali Bhutto was able to write a book in prison. I often wished Sukarno had been able to do so. His views of the 1965 coup would have been of vital historic importance. He had received

two intelligence reports about the events that fateful night from September 30 - October 1. He believed neither one. He remained puzzled about which firecracker had gone off first. He knew, that the framers of the plot resided in Washington, but how did they manage to recruit so many traitors from within the Indonesian military structures? Dollars and promises for more dollars had played a major role.

From my Death Cell[39] dealt in detail with the conspiracy that led to Zia's 1977 coup d'état, when Bhutto was arrested. He had expected it. He told the National Assembly on April 28, 1977 that he foresaw trouble. The next day, April 29, Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, sent Bhutto a message proposing 'personal quiet talks'. Vance was a decent man. This was reason enough for the invisibles to operate in specific cases and covert operations entirely outside the State Department and if need be outside the White House. Bhutto, knowing that Vance probably had been kept in the dark about the CIA conspiracy in progress against him, showed the American invitation to hold talks the next day in Rawalpindi in public. The chargé d'affaires of the US Embassy let it be known immediately, that when confidential talks were leaked beforehand, it would be difficult to organize them. Of course, the CIA did not want Vance to talk at all with Bhutto, because the Pakistani leader had already been marked for liquidation anyway.

Nevertheless, Bhutto sent his Foreign Minister to Paris with a 50 page report documenting charges, that foreign intelligence services were busy destabilizing Pakistan. The report was quietly handed to Cyrus Vance personally. The Secretary of State proposed, however, to shelve the 50 page report and instead make a fresh start in US-Pakistani relations. While staying in a Paris hotel, the suite of the Pakistani Foreign Minister was ransacked. The 50 page intelligence report had been locked up in the safe of the Embassy of Pakistan in Paris. Bhutto later sent this crucial intelligence report to a conference of Islamic Foreign Ministers in Tripoli, Lybia.

Bhutto took up his own defence. He wrote in his book, that he told the judges, 'I have been in a death cell, 7 by 10 feet for over one year now. I feel a little dizzy there. I do not want to mention here whatever has been done to me. I do not want to show marks on my body or anything like that (...) It has been said that I was a tyrant, a dictator, a Hitler (...) believe me, I have been very shabbily treated (...) For ninety days I have not seen the sunshine or the light.'[40]

He recalled before his judges, that while he was in power, he had negotiated the return of 90.000 prisoners of war from India. 'Yet, I am now treated like a criminal. I am not a criminal, but I am treated worse then the co-accused. I can hear in my cell the sound of music. I hear the laughter of other prisoners in my death cell from which I cannot get out. On October 15, when two prisoners ran away, I was locked up. What did I have to do with their escape? I cannot and will not run away from my country. I was advised to leave. Mr. Mustafa Khar told me, "these people are after your blood." On September 13, a foreign journalist, whose name I cannot mention, took me aside and said, Mr. Bhutto, I cannot tell you what is in store for you. You better leave this country.'

In Indonesia, the same happened when Sukarno was already the semi-prisoner of General Suharto. Adam Malik, once a friend of Sukarno pleaded with him to please leave the country. Malik had joined the CIA traitors, but perhaps felt some remorse and wished his former friend a better old age then he knew Suharto had in store for him. Sukarno was placed in total isolation in villa 'Wisma Jaso' of his Japanese wife, Ratna Sari Dewi. Madame Dewi had left for Tokyo in 1967 for her safety at the urging of her husband and had delivered their daughter, Karina, in Japan. Madame Hartini, his Indonesian wife, was virtually his only infrequent visitor, while his children rarely received permission to go and see him. All other visitors were barred. Here was the father of the nation being

tormented to death by treacherous generals of the very nation, he, Sukarno, had led to freedom. One general stole his last automobile. Another, general Alam Sjah walked in to take away his last television set, to further isolate Sukarno from the outside world. He died as a flower without water on June 20, 1970, exactly as one of his murderers, Ujeng Suwargana had come to tell me in 1962 in New York, what the generals were going to do to him.

Bhutto told his judges: 'I do not want mercy. I want justice. I am not pleading for my life as such, not as a way of flesh, because everyone has to go. There have been so many attacks on my life. I was attacked at Sangkar. I escaped miraculously in Sadigabad. Then in the frontier tribal territories a bomb exploded just before I was to speak. There were at least four of five attempts in Baluchistan, once by a Langah, who threw a handgrenade at me. The Khan of Kalat, who was one of my closest friends, told me not to go for I would be killed. I said, I have to do my public duty, and addressed a public meeting. It is not life I plead for. I want justice.'

Sukarno named in his autobiography the series of attempts on his life as well.[41] November 30, 1957 several handgrenades were tossed at the President, when he visited at Tjikini the school where two of his children were following classes. His aide-de-camps, colonel Sudarto, threw Sukarno to the ground shielding him with his body and getting wounded by shrapnel. On March 9, 1960, Daniel Maukar took an Indonesian MIG fighter and strafed the palace. The President was a forgiving soul. I asked him if the death sentence against Maukar would be carried out. He shook his head, no. The young pilot was indeed set free. Sukarno invited him for heart to heart talk. Also Allan Pope, the CIA pilot, who had been shot down in 1957 during a bombing raid over the island of Ambon, and was captured, was set free after his wife had come to the palace begging in tears for fis freedom. 'When it comes to

women,' he wrote in his autobiography, 'I am weak. I cannot stand tears.'

Bhutto and Sukarno were exposed to a series of assassination attempts. Who arranged them and paid for them? Mrs. Indira Gandhi told me, that people would kill someone in India for a miserable thirty rupees. It should be noted, that CIA puppet Suharto, during 32 years in the presidency, was never shot at once. In retrospect, I feel both Sukarno and Ali Bhutto, while being fully aware that they were targeted by the CIA, downright underestimated the brutal, inexorable minds and methods of the ultimate bosses of locally hired killers. In regard to Sukarno, I can unequivocally testify to the fact, that he was a kind-hearted and forgiving man, who signed one deathwarrant in his life. It was for Kartosuwirjo, a brutal killer, who had gone on a rampage to establish the Darul Islam with the aim to create an Iran type of Muslim State. The courts had condemned him to death. Sukarno deliberated with himself in silence for one week, whether to attach his signature. The children where at a loss why their father seemed in a daze. They didn't know the reason. Washington had little use of 'a softy' in Jakarta. They were in need of a hungry masskiller, who was prepared to root out the PKI tooth and nail and while doing so butcher as many leftists as his Army could lay its hands on. They picked Suharto and hit the jackpot.

Bhutto recalled in his memoir written from his death cell a direct threat, 'We will make a horrible example of you!' by Henry Kissinger, who, mind you, was talking to the head-of-state of Pakistan[42]. I have been a resident of New York from 1958-1992. It took me many years to finally acknowledge that American mindscapes tick often that way. Get rid of the guy who is in your way. Shoot him. Kissinger, a Jew, who immigrated in childhood from Germany, simply adopted the US way of thinking. He came to fit Yankee habitudes like a glove. He managed to turn himself into one of the most prestigious

and powerful men in Washington, even bagging a Nobel prize, while he was more than responsible for US war crimes in Southeast Asia and elsewhere. Who in his right mind would suggest in 2001 to nominate Slobodan Milosevic for the much coveted Stockholm reward?

January 5, 1979 Ali Bhutto turned 51. Following February 6, Chief Justice Anwarul Haq read out the Court's decision by a 4 to 3 majority, that upheld the death sentence for the former President and Prime Minister Ali Bhutto. The judgement contained 1.500 pages. Bhutto was informed of the verdict by the guard outside his cell. Messages from all over the world including President Jimmy Carter and Prime Minister James Callaghan of Great-Britain arrived to spare his life. General Zia had ignored similar requests to commute death sentences in 400 similar cases. 'An innocent man does not plead for mercy', Bhutto wrote.[43]

Twenty one months after he had become Prime Minister Ali Bhutto was dead. Kissinger got 'the horrible example' that he had annouced beforehand. To prevent unrest in the country, Bhutto's top supporters were quickly jailed. Schools and universities were closed. The Army was ready to open fire at demonstrators. The people of Pakistan were just as powerless to voice dissent to the military regime as the people of Indonesia were incapable of rising up against the militairy traitors, who had taken over power in 1965 with direct aid from Washington. But the day will come, that the people of Indonesia and Pakistan will know, that the traitors of Sukarno and Bhutto were recruited by the CIA among local military men. But ultimately the super war criminals were the crazy commie hunters in the top echelons of the invisible government in Washington.

Nkrumah

Ghana became independent on March 6, 1957. Kwame Nkrumah (1909-1972) was the first head of state. He, too, joined the ranks of the nonaligned movement founded in 1955 by Sukarno in Bandung. Washington looked at the neutral nations with suspicion and hostility. Many US lawmakers considered these Afro-Asians Communists in disguise. For the invisibles Nehru, Nasser, Sukarno, Sihanouk, Bhutto and Nkrumah were leftist rabble-rousers, that could not be trusted. The more of these shady characters could be put out of business, the better off the free world would be. Never mind free elections or human rights. Fascists military dictators are much to be preferred over wishy washy leftists or fellow travelling Marxists, the idiotic professional spies reasoned.

On February 26, 1966, General J.A. Ankrah announced a coup. A National Liberation Council had been formed. The Convention Peoples Party had been suspended. Nkrumah was out. Ghanian Daniel Amihia told the BBC that he had masterminded the coup and, he boasted, that he had been trained by the CIA.

President Nkrumah was at that moment with 22 man delegation in Hanoi and Peking. He wanted to quickly return to Africa, but landed March 2, at Conakry, capital of neighbouring Guinée because of threats to his life in Accra. President Sekoué Touré organised a mass rally in sports arena and declared that Nkrumah had become also head-of-state of Guinée.

In his book *Dark Days in Ghana* Nkrumah wrote: ‘It has been one of the tasks of the CIA and other similar organisations to discover potential Quislings and traitors in our midst, and encourage them by bribery and the promise of political power, to destroy the constitutional government of their countries.

The US Embassy and the embassies of Britain and West-Germany were implicated in the overthrow of my Government.'[44] US Ambassador Franklin Williams made 13 million dollars available, including payment for three hired hands who were prepared to kill the President, if he dared to return to Accra.

The former President apparently opened some Intelligence files when writing his book. He identified a number of CIA activities in his region. In 1966, an attaché of the US Embassy in Somalia with the rank of colonel had approached Army officers and organised to deliver arms to them to arrange for a coup. In 1965, an attaché of the US Embassy in Cairo. Taylor Odell, was caught red-handed receiving confidential documents from an Egyptian CIA agent, Mustafa Amin. Odell was expelled.

In south Sudan, the so-called Azana Liberation Front was founded with CIA funds, the purpose being to promote the separation of the south from the rest of the country and declare Azana independent. Also, between 1961 and 1964, the CIA murdered a number of politicians in Burundi, the last of them was Prime Minister Pierre Ngendandumwe. He was killed by an employee of the US Embassy, Gonzalve Muyenzi. In his apartment millions of CIA money were found. The CIA was deeply involved in a coup in Tanzania in 1964. Nkrumah wrote, that an entire book could be filled with proof of CIA involvement in Africa alone. He compiled a partial list:

> *Senegal,* December 17, 1962: attempt to overthrow President éeopold Sédar Senghor. Failed.
> *Togo,* January 13, 1963: assassination of President Sylvanus Olympio.
> *Congo-Brazaville,* August 12, 1963: forced resignation of President Abbé Fulbert Youlou.
> *Dahomey,* October 19, 1963: President Hubert Maga deposed.

Niamey, December 3, 1963: military mutiny suppressed by president Hamani Diori.
Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, 20, 23, 24 January 1964: military mutinies suppressed with the aid of British troops.
Gabon, February 18, 1964: President Leon M'ba deposed.
Algeria, June 18, 1965: President Ben Bella overthrown.
Congo, November 25, 1965: General Mobutu assumes presidential powers.
Dahomey, December 22, 1965: General Soglo assumes power. Dahomey is plagued by a series of military coups.
Central African Republic, January 1, 1965: President David Dacko is forced to resign.
Nigeria, January 15, 1966: General Aguiyi-Ironsi takes power. A federal prime-minister and two regional premiers are killed.
Ghana, February 24, 1966: military coup as discussed above.
Nigeria, July 28, 1966: General Ironsi assassinated. General Yakubu Gowon takes over.
Burundi, November 29, 1966: King Ntara V deposed.
Togo, January 13, 1967: President Nicolas Grunitzky deposed. Lieutenant-colonel Gnassingbe Eyadema takes over.
Sierra Leone, March 24, 1967: Army takes power of the government.

Nkrumah stressed in his book, that ten of the 38 independent states of Africa established military regimes as the result of coups. He did not relate each and every coup directly to the CIA, but he wrote nevertheless: 'The activities of the CIA no longer surprise us. We have experienced many examples of the work of this organisation in recent years. (...) We know both the strength and the limitations of imperialist intelligence organisations. While being responsible for a great deal of unrest in Africa in recent years, they have not been as suc-

cessful as many would have us believe. This is partly, because they haven been frequently outwitted by the superior techniques and organisation of certain counter-intelligence services. As I write here in Conakry, I have just learned that five CIA experts have arrived in Liberia to find out how I manage to communicate with my supporters inside Ghana.'

President Nkrumah also relayed an incident, during which US Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, in June 1966 told a meeting of US business leaders, that President Sukarno, President Ben Bella and Nkrumah's own downfall would be followed by the overthrow of more leftwing world leaders. 'He started to name them,' the author reported, 'but thought better of it, and ended his predictions with an enigmatic smile.'[45]

Richard Nixon represented the US at the independence ceremony. 'Kwame Nkrumah had been educated at the Lincoln University and the University of Pennsylvania', he wrote in 1982 in his book *Leaders*[46]. Nixon continued: 'I had not reckoned with the extent to which Nkrumah would prove such a genius. In fact, at that time, I found him very impressive both in demeanour and in what he said. Nkrumah professed a deep admiration for American democracy and all that it had achieved.' Nixon presented him with a technical library as a gift.

Nkrumah developed a vision for a United States of Africa, a torch recently taken up by Muammar el-Qaddafi of Lybia. In the mid-60s the price of cocoa - Ghana's principal export - collapsed. The economy ran into trouble. Nixon, and no doubt the invisible government in Washington, quickly changed their minds about the first President of Ghana. He did not run to Washington for help, and supported the newly established Organization for African Unity in Addis Abeba instead. He also supported other liberation movements in Africa and became a close friend of Guinea's Sekoué Touré.

Nixon writes how Touré came to the US in 1960 and how he

came across to the then vice-president as ‘a warm and charming man.’ Nevertheless, Tricky Dick changed his mind about Touré likewise, and noted he was anyway a Marxist, with the predictable bad result for his country Guinea. Nixon describes Nkrumah as becoming anti-Western, paranoid and promoting militant pan-Africanism. He then proceeds in one breath to draw a comparison with Sukarno.

‘When I first saw him in 1953, he spent most of our meeting talking not about the awesome problems on his own country, but about his territorial designs on Dutch New Guinea - or West-Irian, as the Indonesians call it. I was not surprised Sukarno's obsession with Irian was legendary. In Canberra, just a few days earlier, Prime Minister Robert Menzies had warned me to expect a lecture on the subject.’[47] Nixon portrays Nkrumah and Sukarno ten years after his own Watergate debacle as leaders who were not knowing what they were doing. What the former President of the US demonstrated was never to have understood the essence of the New-Guinea issue being the last province of the former Netherlands East Indies the Dutch had failed to hand-over to Indonesia when sovereignty was finally extended in 1949. It was more than understandable, that Indonesians - including the critics of Sukarno - were united in the desire, that Irian should be liberated from Holland.

Apart from describing Sukarno as someone who had married at least six times, Nixon painted a picture of a leader, who in the end became the victim of a Communist coup in 1965. He followed the official Washington line, while he should have known better having been involved with the CIA since the fifties up to the Watergate break-in. Although it sounds incredible, he concluded this passage comparing Sukarno and Nkrumah, by writing, ‘Together they illustrate one of the unfortunate truths about leadership: that those best able to reach the people on an emotional level often have the worst

programs.' Poor Nixon seemed to have forgotten, that he promised, running for the White House in 1968, he would end the war in Vietnam. I travelled for one week in New-Hampshire with him, when at each stop he repeated, that Eisenhower had taught him how he ended the war in Korea. He was going to stop the Vietnam conflict. Of course the war dragged on for seven more years. He and Kissinger even broadened it to Laos and Cambodia. It's quite remarkable indeed, that Prince Norodom Sihanouk is not mentioned at all, in this book as if he never existed.

In *The us Intelligence Community* Jeffrey Richelson established that in 1985 several persons were arrested in Accra working for the CIA,[48] Felix Peasah, a security officer at the US Embassy pleaded guilty. Theodore Atiedu, a police inspector in Ghana's Bureau of National Investigation did the same. Also convicted were Stephen Balfour Ofusu, Chief Superintendent of Police. Who gave government secrets to the CIA and arranged taps on telephones of diplomatic missions and highlevel government officials. Another Ghanian, Robert Appiah, a technician with the Post and Telecommunications Corporation was convicted of handing secret keys to a CIA officer.

There are no doubt other books on intelligence services arranging the demise of 'unwanted' African leaders other than Patrice Lumumba or Kwame Nkrumah, forthcoming. Former State Department official William Blum, has discovered and reported in *Rogue State*[49] how it happened, that on August 5, 1962, after Nelson Mandela was on the run for seventeen months from the Pretoria authorities, a car was flagged down near a roadblock outside Howick, Natal with a white man in the back seat and a black driver. The chauffeur was Mandela. The South-African regime had been tipped off by the CIA. In 1986 the South-African press reconstructed how a CIA officer, Donald C. Rickard, working undercover for the US Consulate in Durban, had tipped off Pretoria. On June 10, 1990, the *At-*

lanta Journal and Constitution reported, that a retired US intelligence officer revealed that within hours of Mandela's arrest a senior CIA operative, Paul Eckel, told him: 'We have turned Mandela over to the South African security branch.'

President George Bush (senior) was asked in 1990, when Mandela was freed by President F.W. de Klerk, after having been locked up for 28 years, whether he would apologize for what the CIA had done. His spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater replied: 'This happened during the Kennedy Administration (...) don't beat me up for what the Kennedy people did.'

Suharto

Four years after he committed high treason and grabbed power in Indonesia, General Suharto gave his version of why he did it in *The Smiling General* written with German sociologist O.G. Roeder.[50] This ghostwriter gratuitously dotted down whatever the general told him as if it was the gospel truth, while in fact he was most frequently lying through his teeth's. Roeder also was obviously ignorant about the modus operandi of intelligence services. He seemed to have been unable to protect Suharto from making a fool of himself in this book.

At the start of his reminiscences the general set forth his reasons for committing insubordination versus his commander-in-chief. He had been very unhappy about developments in Indonesia and above all about 'Sukarno's rising pro-communist policy and comradeship in arms with Peking.' There was no rising procommunist policy, neither by Sukarno, nor by any of his collaborators or friends. That fictitious rise of Marx and Lenin existed solely and securely in the sick heads of the idiots that made up the invisible government in Washington and that were always at the look out for dupes in foreign lands

that could be subverted - mostly for dollars and promises of power to play the filthy games of the CIA and the likes.

To begin with, it was the asinine US military policy in Vietnam that had driven Indonesia, Cambodia and even the Philippines into the direction of both Moscow and Peking. Naturally, the Indonesian PKI profited from Yankee stupidities on the world scene. This had nothing to do with Sukarno, or Sihanouk or Diosdado Macapagal. Communists and non-communists alike in Southeast Asia unanimously agreed that the US had no business whatsoever to militarily intervene in their region. Who had extended permission to Washington to invade Vietnam? Of course, American presidents had neglected to ask the Security Council of the UN to ask approval for their war in S.E.-Asia. China and the USSR would have vetoed it.

Suharto was first of all an Army man, ignorant in political matters, let alone foreign affairs. He never went beyond a lower high school education. He applied for work with the Dutch Navy. All they had available with his qualifications was a job in the kitchen. Suharto's intellectual output was nil. Next, he applied with the KNIL, the Dutch colonial Army. He rose in the ranks to the top echelon, because he was an excellent marksman, who punctually followed orders. But, he was also an ambitious chap and wanted more. That was the moment that the Washington invisibles infiltrated the KOSTRAD (Army's Strategic Command) headquarters, where he was boss and began to work on a possible Army coup from there. The man was, unlike Sukarno, also an illiterate on the subject of US intelligence services and therefore an ideal target.

When I returned a year after the 1965 coup to Jakarta, I discovered Colonel Sutikno Lukitodisastro to be Suharto's righthand man. I already knew Sutikno in 1957 when he was still a Major and serving with the Garuda I Battalion in Gaza and Egypt under the UN flag. Since I lived in New York and Sutikno in the early 60s became military attaché in Washington, we re-

newed our contacts. I knew him as a Sukarnist. Although I was aware that it was customary for the CIA to recruit possible troublemakers from among the military attaché's accredited in the American capital, it never occurred to me Sutikno could have been selected for the job of US babysitter of Suharto. But, in October 1966 I discovered on the spot in Jakarta how unusually close the two men were.

After I left Indonesia in 1957, I was black-listed in Jakarta at the request of the Dutch Government, that was opposed to my critical articles about counter-productive policies by the Hague vis à vis Indonesia. It was Colonel Sutikno who arranged the lifting of restrictions of my reporting on post coup developments. I arrived back in Jakarta October 1, 1966 with a Dutch television team. Again like in 1957, I gained easy access to the palace. The President received each morning guests for tea and breakfast at the backside terrace of the Istana Merdeka (freedom palace). One of his aides would pick me up by jeep at my hotel. These informal gatherings were very informative from a journalist' point of view.

Unexpectedly I became involved in the ongoing wayang (Indonesian shadow play) between the President and his treacherous coup general. To begin with, when I returned to Indonesia in 1966, I had not yet realized to what extend Suharto had already taken over the reins of government. During the ten years I had followed that country's developments Sukarno had been the undisputed leader. He introduced me to the rebellious general as if he was still an insubordinate officer. Suharto greeted me with the typical Javanese attitude of civility towards visitors coupled to his notoriously bogus smile. I blindly bought these public signs of mutual respect between the President and his top military man and was fooled all the way. Sukarno's position had fundamentally changed, which took me time to discover as an entirely new reality in Indonesia.

Colonel Sutikno was aware of the fact, that President Sukarno asked me daily to stay on after the other breakfast guests had left, so we could talk alone. I became privy to a multitude of Sukarno's views on the situation in the country one year after the coup. Colonel Sutikno approached me, surely with Suharto's consent. The main point of friction between the President and the general was Sukarno's steadfast refusal to condemn the PKI for having been the cause of the 1965 military coup. Suharto's aide asked me in a roundabout way, if perhaps I could broach this hot potato during our next conversation and make a strenuous effort to convince him to give in on the PKI matter to Suharto. I knew for sure, since the President had made this crystal clear, that he was totally convinced, that the PKI was definitely not involved in the 1965 coup. Perhaps some communists had taken part in it, but the party had nothing to do with it. Washington and the CIA accused the communists of having killed the generals, in order to give Suharto and his butcher teams an alibi to start a nationwide sweep on members of the PKI and Sukarno supporters. President Sukarno considered the CIA and Washington the guilty parties, as the US had continuously interfered since Indonesian Independence in the internal affairs of his nation. He was particularly indignant of some of his own military, who refused to recognize these facts. He was at a loss that some officers like Suharto, allowed themselves to act as traitors and turn themselves into easy tools of the enemies of Indonesia.

Nevertheless, I had a shot at it. I argued Suharto's case. Sukarno presented me with a flood of additional information and proof. He mentioned ambassador Marshall Green as an obvious guilty activist against him, who avoided meeting him and who was constantly travelling to Washington, quite unusual for someone whose office was in Jakarta. The President admonished me to do a better job of looking deeper into the role of the CIA in all of this. I went to see Marshall Green and

confronted him to his face with the US once more intervening in Indonesia causing a bloody confrontation among Indonesians who had co-existed with the PKI which now, at Washington's urging, was being wiped out in a full-scale civil war causing the biggest bloodbath in Indonesia's history.

Forty years ago human rights and the subject of war criminals were not yet in vogue. Those sudden US standards of decency only became popular at Washington urgency after the Soviet empire disappeared. Prior to that epochmaking event, lives of Communists and leftists were to be wasted by any method including mass extermination. Sometimes, during weekends when the President would helicopter to Bogor in the mountains, where he lived in a four room bungalow on the grounds of the former stately colonial summer palace, we continued our conversations there over dinner. I had accused ambassador Green, that by avoiding the President so openly he risked becoming even more suspect of conspiring with the coup generals then he was mistrusted already. Why did he never attend the palace breakfast meetings as ambassadors from other countries were doing? 'Who invites whom?' had been his reply. In Bogor Sukarno asked me, 'Why should I invite him? Green is subversive anyway.' Colonel Sutikno, however, kept bringing up the subject of the PKI and this point of contention between the President and Suharto. I told him 'why don't you talk to him yourself?' Again, it was the question of who invites whom to the palace? I suggested to President Sukarno to have Sutikno over. A presidential military aide went to fetch him and half way through the usual breakfast meeting on October 11, 1966, the President invited both the Colonel and me to walk inside the palace and talk alone, which was to become a 45 minute meeting.[51]

Here was the man, who pointedly served as liaison between the evil forces in Washington and Suharto, delivering a message in roundabout ways in order not to sound harsh or dis-

respectful, but actually presenting an ultimatum, that if the President intended to retain his job, he should still condemn the PKI for having killed the six generals, which in turn led to the military coup of 1965. The President listened patiently to the Colonel. I sat in, awestruck by the fact that two friends of mine were battling it out, one of them was talking the language of traitors, and the other was fully aware of the truth and abided his time to hit back.

First Sukarno asked Sutikno calmly: 'What makes you think I intend to hold on to the presidency at any price?' I knew he was not prepared to barter his self-esteem for anything in the world, not the presidency of Indonesia either. But I also knew, that his enemies were ruthless, and that in refusing to answer their call, he would forfeit his personal safety and protection. I suspected, he was aware of that as well and was ready to pay any price to retain his self-respect, even if it cost him his life. Finally he lashed out at Sutikno in concise and clear terms indicating he knew who the traitors were and who were guilty, Washington and the CIA and not the PKI. I saw the Colonel slowly lowering his head in shame before his President and tears came to his eyes. Furthermore, the President seemed fully cognisant of the fact, that if he were to answer the call of the coup officers, the bloodbath among opponents to the military dictatorship, would only grow exponentially. Sutikno drove me back in his jeep to 'Hotel Indonesia' and felt it had been an excellent meeting: 'The President will think now about our conversation and take the right decision,' he told me. I was aware his optimism was totally unfounded. I had come to know Sukarno's mind. He would never bow to traitors, even if it were to mean death for him.

And that was how it was going to end. Sukarno, hero of Indonesian Independence, would become another victim of Murder Incorporated in Washington. Just as another mysterious messenger, Mr. Ujeng Suwargana had already announced

in 1962, the murder was to be carried out exactly as announced beforehand. President Sukarno would be isolated and be killed as a flower, that receives no water. The real killers of millions of innocent people in Afro-Asian nations never lost any sleep over their war crimes. The murderers in this holocaust of leftists were never ever even identified, let alone being arrested or forcibly being brought to a War Crimes Tribunal.

Examined closely and objectively, all US presidents, from Eisenhower onwards, qualify as first class war criminals, if they were to be judged by the same standards as some Serb leaders are being brought to trial for. Harry Truman was the only and last President who got the UN Security Council to approve the war in Korea. After Truman all US presidents ignored the Charter of the UN and a required Security Council resolution when it suited their power games, their illegal invasions and covert operations versus sovereign UN member states. As a matter of fact, all NATO responsible statesmen acted in 1999 as fully fledged war criminals, when they went along with Washington and London to invade the Balkan and bomb the former Yugoslavia.

When Mussolini invaded Abyssinia in 1935 he violated Italy's membership of the League of Nations in Geneva, which was the beginning of the end of the first world organisation. What Eisenhower, JFK, LBJ, Nixon and Ford did in Southeast Asia - for which the brothers Diem were assassinated with the connivance of JFK, Sihanouk was exiled for 25 years from his kingdom with the connivance of Nixon and Kissinger, and Sukarno was betrayed and pestered to death with the connivance of LBJ - was in essence classic fascist behaviour. When one member of the UN no longer observes the agreed and signed up principles of international law and gets away with it like Washington did, the fences are permanently down. Like the League of Nations in the thirties, the United-Nations actually has ceased to exist as the legal enforcer of internation-

ally accepted rules. Washington, unlike what Mussolini did in Ethiopia, never physically occupied Indonesia. Instead, the US installed in 1965 a puppet regime in Jakarta, with Suharto in charge, replacing the father of the nation, who was strongly opposed playing ball with America' s imperialist designs.

Instead, Suharto went willingly along with Washington's Dictates. In exchange he was royally rewarded for his smooth cooperation. The West was financing the fascist military regime in Indonesia and looked the other way as their chosen Quisling was stealing himself and his family, in close cooperation with their cronies, filthy rich. Politically, economically and militarily the fourth largest nation in the world was efficiently turned into a US protectorate for no less than an uninterrupted 32 years.

Of course, Suharto can count on the eternal gratitude of Washington and cannot be brought to The Hague to be held accountable for the murdering of hundreds of thousands of people. The same goes for fellow war criminals like Augusto Pinochet, for Belgians involved in hacking Lumumba to pieces, Americans and Cubans, who intended to shoot or poison Castro, nor will these standards be applied to the thousands of Americans who committed the most bloody war crimes on all continents of the world. They have become the fascist untouchables of the 21st century and cannot be brought to justice in contrast to their unfortunate Yugoslavian brethren. The White House, the CIA and the invisible government protect them, because mass slaughter of leftists and communists is considered a patriotic American duty. Those who are considered leftist, communist or terrorist fall into Washington's category of humans to be wasted and thrown out.

Qaddafi

William Blum left the State Department in 1967 abandoning his aspiration of becoming a diplomat, because he opposed the war in Vietnam. He became a researcher of illegal US behaviour worldwide. In *Rogue State* he wrote that beginning in 1945, Washington had attempted to overthrow more than 40 foreign governments and attempted to crush some 30 populist-nationalist movements struggling against intolerable regimes. 'In the process', he noted, 'the US caused the end of life of several million people, and condemned many millions more to a life of agony and despair.'

Blum listed the following terrorist US interventions worldwide:

China	1945-1951
France	1947
Marshall Islands	1946-1958
Greece	1947-1949
Italy	1947-1949
The Philippines	1945-1953
Korea	1945-1953
Eastern Europe	1948-1956
Germany	1950s
Iran	1953
Guatemala	1953-1990s
Costa Rica	mid 195Os and 1970-1971
Middle East	1956-1958
Indonesia	1957-1958
Haïti	1959
Western Europe	1950s-1960s
Guyana	1953-1964
Iraq	1959-1973

USSR	1940s-1960s
Vietnam	1945-1973
Cambodia	1955-1973
Laos	1957-1973
Thailand	1965-1973
Ecuador	1950-1963
The Congo	1960-1965; 1977-1978
Algeria	1960s
Brasil	1961-1964
Peru	1965
Dominican Republic	1963-1965
Cuba	1959-2001
Indonesia	1965
Ghana	1966
Uruguay	1969-1972
Chili	1964-1973
Greece	1964-1974
South Africa	1960s; 1980s
Bolivia	1964-1975
Australia	1972-1975
Iraq	1972-1975
East-Timor	1970s-1990s
Angola	1976-1980s
Jamaica	1976
Honduras	1980s
Philippines	1970s-1990S
Seychelles	1979-1981
South-Yemen	1979-1984
South-Korea	1980
Chad	1981-1982
Grenada	1979-1983
Surinam	1982-1984
Libya	1981-1989

Fiji 1987

Panama	1989
Afghanistan	1979-1992
El Salvador	1980-1992
Haïti	1987-1994
Bulgaria	1990-1991
Somalia	1993
Iraq	1990s-2001
Peru	1990s till 2001
Mexico	1990s till 2001
Yugoslavia	1995 till 2001

In his Guide to the world's only super rogue power Blum produced this list covering about the same period I myself was active in international journalism. A number of US interventions and covert operations I recalled from my own reporting, like the many sessions of the Security Council, I covered at UN headquarters. But then there were numerous covert interventions by the invisibles in Washington, that were never dealt with in the United-Nations, because they were top secret and impossible to prove who initiated them. Too often Washington literally got away with murder. Blum observed that countries that agreed with the American lexicon of what democracy should stand for can count on aid, in dollars and in weapons, and they will be considered allies. But, doomed are parties or leaders, that cherish different standards and hold other ideals than those accepted by Washington. Those, disagreeing with the US, are up for grabs, because they are looked upon as enemies. Blum's observations are identical to my own gathered during 50 years of practicing journalism.

'For secret assassinations the contrived accident is the most effective technique. When successfully executed, it causes little excitement and is only casually investigated.' Blum quoted from US spy manuals. 'The most efficient accident is a fall of 75 feet or more on a hard surface. Elevator shafts, stair

wells, unscreened windows and bridges will serve.' The US advice continued, 'The act maybe executed by sudden, vigorous grabbing of the ankles, tipping the subject over the edge. If the assassin immediately sets up an outcry playing the "horrified witness", no alibi or surreptitious withdrawl is necessary'. Blum quoted various examples from US spy manuals. CIA guidelines to Contras, who were fighting the Sandinista Government in Nicaragua included, 'Kidnap all officials or agents of the government and place them in public places. Shame, ridicule and humiliate the personal symbols of the government (...) If a guerrilla fires at an individual, make the town see that it was the repressive system of the Sandinista regime, that really killed the informer, and that the weapon fired was one recovered in combat against the regime. It is possible to neutralize carefully selected and planned targets, such as court judges, justices of the peace, police and state security officials, Sandinista defense committee chiefs etcetera.' CIA guidelines clearly encourage plain murder. What, perhaps, is the most frightening about these instructions sanctioned by the White House and all top levels of government is, that Americans are accepting these rules as normal and acceptable in dealing with presumed enemies. It is the US mind-set that goes back to the traditions of the American Wild West and Wild Bill Donovan who remains the father of the US worldwide secret murder business.

'If possible', says a CIA instruction book, 'professional criminals will be hired to carry out specific jobs.' Like shooting Sukarno, hacking Lumumba to pieces, or poisoning Castro to name a few of those jobs from the past. 'Tasks will be assigned to others, in order to create a "martyr" for the cause,' agents destined for Nicaragua were told. 'Take demonstrators to a confrontation with Sandinista authorities, in order to bring about uprisings and shootings, which will cause the death of one or more persons, who could become the martyrs, a situa-

tion, that should be made use of immediately against the regime, in order to create greater conflicts,' as quoted by William Blum in *Rogue State*.

Muammar el-Qaddafi of Libya has for a long time been a favourite target of US CIA and Mafia gangsters. With the exception of the Jimmy Carter Administration, when brother Billy Carter built a special relationship with the Libyan leader, Qaddafi is on the most wanted list of the Wild Bill Donovan boys. That in Washington terms means, anything goes, sending bombers or dozens of warships, get the guy is the password. Again it is the David versus Goliath option, because Yankees are sufficiently cowardly inclined to preferably pick on blasting and invading the smallest of nations, like the island of Grenada, Panama, Cuba, Iraq, Vietnam, Korea, or Kosovo, places hard to find on the map. Plans for military actions against China or Russia are considerably more carefully analysed. Libya is a desert nation of 1.759.540 square kilometers. In 1973 there were 2.257.037 people living there, which turned the former kingdom into an ideal testing ground for US military might. The country was a former Italian colony. US and British military bases were allowed to remain there after World War II.

Finally, September 1, 1969, Colonel Qaddafi ousted King Mohammed Idris and took power on behalf of the people. No more US and British war games in Lybia. This caused much resentment in Washington and London. Qaddafi was registered with the intelligence Mafia as a nuisance and a troublemaker. Hence, several US heads-of-state approved attempts to kill him, even if large scale air- and sea operations were needed to achieve this goal. Washington lives by the weird notion, that the US alone should be the judge of what is acceptable to the entire world and who should he rooted out as unwanted. Qaddafi never made the Washington grade.

Bob Woodward, assistant managing editor of the *Washington*

Post published *Veil: The Secret Wars of the CIA, 1981-1987*.[52] Those days Ronald Reagan occupied the White House, and William Casey was CIA director. Hot spots, then, were Nicaragua, Iran and Libya. Casey supported President Hissen Habré of Chad, the former French colony south of Libya. 'Habrà came to power with CIA paramilitary assistance as part of one of the early Reagan Administration findings to bloody Qaddafi's nose, noted Woodward. Sudan President Gaafar Mohammed Nimeri was likewise coveted as a close US ally to further box in Qaddafi. Simultaneously the deputy chief of Liberian President Samuel Doe's personal guard, Lieutenant Colonel Moses Flanzamaton was a CIA agent. The Colonel launched a machinegun ambush on Joe's jeep. But the President escaped unharmed. Flanzamaton was captured, confessed to CIA sponsorship of the coup attempt and was executed.[53]

Woodward discovered, that Casey on the third day he became CIA director, had received a twelve page Secret SNIE (Special National Intelligence Estimate) on Libya. That document turned Qaddafi into one of Casey's top priorities. The USSR was selling Libya arms at a rate of a billion dollars a year. According to CIA shrinks, special circumstances in his youth contributed to exaggerated forms of Bedouin characteristics like naïve idealism, religious fanaticism, intense pride, austerity, xenophobia, and sensitivity to slight. Woodward ridiculed Freudian spy craft and armchair psychoanalysis by CIA doctors. But the net result of all this dangerous CIA nonsense was, that the Reagan White House considered Qaddafi in 1985 the most dangerous terrorist in the world. He was ready to provide money, weapons, etcetera to some 30 insurgent, radical or terrorist groups.

Woodward reconstructed from his research some juicy details of what kind of simpleton Casey actually was. He had been told, for instance, that Qaddafi acted strangely when meeting Yemeni officials. Casey suspected the Libyan leader to be on

the brink of a nervous breakdown. The CIA arranged for US warplanes to fly close to the Libyan coast, in the CIA director's words, 'to humiliate Qaddafi.' Woodward: 'It was summer, there was comparatively little to do. Qaddafi could be Reagan's victory.' Reagan had signed on April 30, 1985 National Security Directive (NSDD) No. 168, a six-page secret order. Libya was secretly spied upon, since Qaddafi was considered a monster, ready to set the world afire. He was buying MIG 29s and T 32 tanks from the USSR and concluded an arms deal with Greece worth 500 million dollars. 'Flower' was the top codename for covert actions against Libya. 'Rose' the code name for a pre-emptive military strike against Libya.

Woodward: 'Bill Casey (CIA) and George Shultz (State Department) were determined to finish what had been started in Libya. The CIA gave wide circulation to intelligence on the seven main residences that Qaddafi used perhaps hoping it would leak to the Colonel to remind him he was being watched.'[54] There was no crisis, but the Planning Group met on August 7, 1986 in the White House situation room to investigate if something could be done anyway to damage Libya. There were some strategic problems, because President Francois Mitterand did not want US bombers to fly over France on a bombing raid on Tripoli. On August 14, 1986, ready to strike, the top met again at the White House and were joined by Reagan himself. During the discussion how to eliminate the Libyan leader, Woodward detected in the minutes of the conversation a typical gem to illustrate how the minds in the White House ticked. Reagan: 'Why not invite Qaddafi to San Francisco, he likes to dress up so much.' Where-upon the Secretary of State, Shultz, observed 'Why don't we give him AIDS?' These are the people who want the world to be like them.

On April 14, 1986, under the codename 'Prairie Fire', 200 American bombers appeared over the Gulf of Sidra and Tripoli and Bengazi were bombed. This was done in retaliation for a

bomb attack on a discotheque 'La Belle' in West-Berlin, where two US soldiers had died. Reagan read on television three Libyan messages intercepted by the National Security Agency (NSA) on television. They contained 'irrefutable proof', the President said, that Libya was guilty of the Berlin blast. The bombers were accompanied to further humiliate Qaddafi, with an armada of 45 US Navy vessels. Eight bombers had been selected to hit 'Splendid Gate', the barracks of the President with 2.000 pound laserguided bombs. Qaddafi escaped injury. Two of his sons were wounded, and a fifteen-month old girl, described as an adopted daughter, was killed. Reagan went again on television and said, 'Today we did what we had to do. If necessary, we shall do it again.'[55] Rereading these US war crimes against Libya in the 80s, one realizes that by today's standards the entire top of the Reagan White House qualifies to be issued one-way tickets to the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague. Noam Chomsky described this US mentality, that Washington knows best what is 'good for the world' as follows: 'Contempt for the rule of law is deeply rooted in US practice and intellectual culture'.[56]

And, indeed, it is not the cancellation by Bush junior of the Kyoto Treaty, the abolition of the ABM Treaty with Moscow, or the unwillingness to stick to a biological weapons convention adopted by 143 nations, which isolates the US ever further from the rest of mankind. Washington has never really played ball in good faith. As Chomsky reminds us in his book, when the World Court in The Hague condemned the US in 1986 for 'unlawful use of force' against Nicaragua - like surrounding that nation with mines, that Soviet ships could not bring in fresh supplies - Washington ignored the judgement and refused to recognize the Court's jurisdiction. The bastards in Washington called their arms shipments to the fascist Contras in Nicaragua 'humanitarian aid'. Therefore, it was said in Washington, the World Court did not know what it was talk-

ing about when it ordered the US to pay extensive reparations to the Sandinista government.

Next, the Security Council of the United Nations accepted a resolution calling on all states to respect international law, which meant in 1986 to please leave Nicaragua and the Sandinista's alone. But, of course, the US busy with a world wide anti-communist crusade, vetoed the resolution and got one fellow UN member to support them, as usual Israël. In other words Washington is quite accustomed to going it alone although Bush II is aggravating this solo-ride to entirely new levels of isolation evoking memories of the 1823 Monroe Doctrine. At the time, President James Monroe aimed at numbering North and South America exclusively to a new concept of US Lebensraum. Bush II seems to entertain the wild delusion, that the entire globe must rightfully be considered of strategic imperative interest to Washington. Yes, nations are allowed to run their own affairs but if they entertain different ideas of what is best for them, they are on a collision course with the Wild Bill Donovan boys and can reckon on a stiff blockade to call them to order. And, if that doesn't help, the Yankee fleet win appear before the coast, cruise-missiles are being fired or, if need be, the bombers will fly out with their laser-guided explosives on board. Ask Qaddafi, he has had plenty of experience and a belly full of US Rogue Terrorism.

Pinochet

Worldwide ignorance about the true nature of the Rogue tentacles of the United States reaching out to all continents, including Monroe's Latin paradise, is profoundly shocking. Having been a resident of New York City from 1958-1992 I can testify to the fact that most Americans themselves have no

clue as to what their Government and their intelligence services are capable off. Chomsky raised indirectly in *What Uncle Sam Really Wants*[57] the subject of globalisation: 'The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is a more cost-effective instrument than the Marines and the CIA if it can do the job. But the "iron fist" must be poised in the background, available when needed,' he wrote. Professor Chomsky referred to the installation of CIA puppets like, Suharto, Mobutu and Pinochet as a United States 'rent-a-thug' policy.[58]

Chomsky: 'The US has pursued these ends largely through the Pentagon system. (...) We are now locked into these devices for maintaining electronics, computers and our hightech industry generally. (...) The transfer of resources to wealthy minorities and other government policies led to a vast wave of financial manipulations and a consumption binge. But there was little in the way of productive investment, and the country was saddled with huge debts: government, corporate, household and the incalculable debt of unmet social needs as society drifts towards a Third World pattern, with islands of great wealth and privilege in a sea of misery and suffering.'

Professor Chomsky explained, that when a superpower like the US becomes entangled in these policies, it must also find ways to divert the population from seeing what is actually happening. Standard procedure is to frighten them with images of terrible enemies everywhere. With the evil of the Soviet empire fallen apart, the Clinton's and Bush'es are saving Americans from mortal dangers looming elsewhere. The Qaddafi's and mysterious terrorists like Osama bin Laden serve as deterrent dangers. Thanks to the courage of Bill Clinton, who fired missiles at Sudan and Afghanistan, dangers of terrorism at home could be kept away from America's sacred home land. Saddam Hussein is already serving for a decade as an imminent danger to the West. The media in the West are painting nightmare scenarios about Saddam's nuclear or biological

warfare capabilities to justify the continuation of illegal acts of war by ultramodern US and British war planes over Iraq. The Rogue record of the Secret Team, the CIA and the invisible government in general grows steadily. Who dropped the first nuclear devices over densely populated Japanese cities? Who first launched chemical warfare in Southeast Asia?

President Salvador Allende Gossens, a Marxist physician became President of Chili on September 4, 1970, when the Chilean Congress voted him 153 to 35 into power. He became the first president elected in Monroe Doctrine territory on a Marxist-Leninist platform. Washington was in an uproar. The Donovan boys were doing overtime. Fidel was one thing, but a freely elected communist was taboo. Allende began to implement his program, but discovered the cost of living rose 160 percent in two years. Yet, during legislative elections in 1973, Allende's coalition won more seats in both houses. That did it. Washington decided, he had to go. The military took over in September 1973, Allende was killed. Augusto Pinochet Ugarte was chosen chairman of a four-member junta. The 1925 Constitution was suspended and political parties were banned. The CIA scenario for military intervention was introduced. Mass arrests followed. Washington was asked for assistance to set up concentration camps, just like in Indonesia in 1965, when General Suharto asked and received US assistance to set up an entire island, by the name of Burn, which became one huge prison for more than 100.000 Indonesians who were opposed to the CIA installed fascist dictatorship.

Allende had already in 1972 delivered a speech to the United Nations in which he accused the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation (ITT) of having driven its rogue tentacles deep into the Chilean economy and was trying its utmost to disrupt the country. The President went as far as to warn that the ITT was promoting civil war. British author Anthony Sampson published in 1973, *The Sovereign State, The Secret His-*

tory of ITT.[59] In his 288 page report, Sampson detailed the close cooperation between ITT and the CIA. It's an aspect grossly overlooked when opposition is being organised against globalisation. ITT was hardly the sole multinational misused by CIA gangsters and the Donovan boys.

In particular, the British writer researched the role of the then Czar of criminal manipulations in Washington, Henry Kissinger, the latter-day Nobel Prize winner. This crook headed at the time the super secret Forty Committee. It was an interdepartmental group of invisibles, which had on top of its agenda in those days how to get rid of Allende. How could economic instability in Chili be quickly promoted? How could banks be forced to stop making loans available? How could unions be bribed to cause further troubles for the Marxist President? Companies were urged to drag their feet spending money in Chili. Shipping deliveries of spare parts were intentionally slowed down or halted. Technical assistance to Chili was stopped. The CIA advised Kissinger and his co-conspirators that these measures would hasten Allende's fall. Washington was not only promoting civil war in Chili as Allende had warned, Washington was engaged in an illegal fullscale war short of sending warships and bombers.

In *Secret Agencies, US Intelligence in a Hostile World*, Loch Johnson demonstrated how the Nixon Administration and Kissinger relied heavily on a policy of economic destruction for Chili, and how they organised a truckers strike, that even further disrupted economic life. Another servant of the White House gangsters, US ambassador Edward Korry, forwarded a set of secret cables to his US bosses in which he proudly confirmed, 'not a nut or a bolt will be allowed to reach Chili under Allende.'[60]

David Wise noted in *The American Police State, The Government against the People* that the underworld mentality of the Nixon White House was rampant at the time.[61] The CIA approved the

spending of millions of dollars to unseat the democratically elected Allende. Harold Geneen, the big boss of ITT, privately donated another million to hasten the liquidation of the Chilean President. Wise also reconstructed events, that led to the murder of Orlando Letelier in 1976. He was a former Chilean ambassador in Washington, later Allende's Minister of Defense. Pinochet had him arrested. He was brought to Dawson Island. He spent eight gruelling months on the Chilean version of Suharto's concentration camp on Buru island - both CIA inventions - before he was released and sought refuge in Washington where he was simply executed in bright daylight driving happily along.

Both Wise and *New York Times* journalist, Seymour Hersh, discovered a direct link between the Watergate break-in and a similar incident at the Chilean Embassy in Washington followed by Letelier's liquidation. Notorious Watergate burgler, Frank Sturgis, was again involved. ABC television managed May 30, 1975 to get Sturgis to admit on camera to the crime of having broken into the Chilean Embassy. This shady character had once been a trusted security guard of Fidel Castro, was working secretly for the CIA. He was back in the CIA womb to continue his dirty tricks in the streets of Washington.

Step by step David Wise - whom I interviewed in his study in Santa Barbara, California - reconstructed the depth of what the various loose CIA dogs had written into their sordid record of murderous and treacherous deceptions. He found that shortly after President Nixon had ordered, that Salvador Allende should be blocked to become President of Chili, General Rene Schneider, Commander in Chief of the Chilean Army was killed during a kidnap attempt on October 22, 1970. The CIA had supplied machine guns and ammunition to a group of Chilean officers. Wise: ‘CIA covert operations, from rigging elections abroad to overthrowing governments and instituting political assassinations should be specifically barred by

law in peacetime. It has been amply demonstrated by now that the cost of covert operations to our own system is too high.'[62]

Even journalist Wise came up with the argument that rogue behaviour for a superpower was unacceptable, not because it was unethical, undemocratic, immoral and in violation of international law, but it was too expensive. His advise in 1976 was of course ignored. He gave the wrong reason for an urgent change of US conduct in Foreign Affairs. To radically change the rogue behaviour of Washington decisionmakers, it is necessary to first decode the nonsense out of US brains, that Americans are the chosen people, who have to teach - and if that doesn't work - have to enforce the American way of life on mankind as the ultimate salvation for all.

The self assuredness, the devotion, the passion and the utter vehemence by which Yankees try to spread their liberating gospel to all corners of the globe does indeed recall the fundamental spirit of the crusades, when Christians, for the love of their God, mounted their horses on the way to Constantinople to slit the throats of Muslims. The poor horses were unable to carry them even further East to massacre the Ayatollahs, the Hindus and the Buddhists as well, while Confucius & Co. had wisely blockaded themselves behind the Chinese wall, to keep the boys of Jesus out. But a dozen centuries later, the West seems to be finally infiltrating the lands of the Sung and Ming dynasties, if not by sending spy planes and espionage rockets over the Wall, then by seeding capitalism and super individualism into Chinese minds. Or by bequeathing a stock-exchange on them and introducing Microsoft computers, Internet, deodorant, Coca Cola, blue jeans, Kentucky Fried Chickens, and last but not least invade the former Han empire with Olympic Games at a time when the Chinese Communist Party might have celebrated its 85th birthday.

Deputy CIA director Richard Bissell finally admitted before the

Senate Intelligence Committee chaired by Senator Frank Church, that he never told the Special Group, which was the predecessor of Kissinger's Forty Committee, that the CIA had used underworld figures to kill, for instance, Castro. Richard Nixon instructed the CIA not to tell the Forty Committee about its covert operations against the Allende Government. Relations between the CIA and the Forty Club were in the end reduced to telephone calls. Of course, Kissinger knew exactly what was cooking, including the fact that Nixon freed 10 million dollars to assist in blocking Allende's democratic election. David Wise, after the massive data he alone collected on illegal activities by the intelligence services, called it a myth that covert operations would ever be employed sparingly, only if necessary, and carefully controlled. The taste for secret operations to impose America's will on others, was running wild ever since Donovan designed basic US spy networks. The clock of the US spy genius could not be turned back. It became unstoppable.

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr, Chief US Naval Operations wrote a memoir, *On Watch*.[63] He visited President Salvador Allende on February 19, 1971 in the summer palace in Valparaiso. The Admiral wrote: 'I found him one of the most fascinating men I ever met.' At the end of the meeting Allende even suggested, that the nuclear powered aircraft carrier Enterprise visiting Rio de Janeiro would stop at Valparaiso on its way back to San-Diego. He would himself very much like to visit the US warship. Zumwalt recalls that everyone was for it, even ambassador Edward Korry. 'All the Defense people, Tom Moorer, Melvin Laird, Dave Packard agreed (...) but the State Department and the CIA were solidly against it and so was Henry Kissinger.'[64] The Admiral added: 'Kissinger was in a black rage (...) for me having started the whole thing.' Zumwalt wrote about Kissinger's 'bizarre personality'. 'Henry was altogether capable of flying into a fury for no reason, as indeed his

principal (Nixon) often was.' The Admiral, as White House insider, offered a rare glimpse of the two men who got the US entangled in the biggest scandal in American history.

Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst - working for Attorney General John Mitchell, a Nixon confidant, who went to jail for his role in the Watergate disaster - was testifying in 1972 in the Senate about illegal government behaviour, when journalist Jack Anderson broke the news, that ITT had cooperated with the CIA to make Allende lose the election. Anthony Sampson said in his book, that Anderson had only succeeded, because the relevant documents 'had escaped shredding.'[65] The select clique dealing with these Mafia practices in the name of people of the United States included besides Nixon himself, of course Kissinger again, also John McCone, who had shifted from Director of the CIA to boss of ITT, and an additional host of other mostly invisible lawbreakers in the Washington ruling elite.

People might be aware that the fascist military regime of Pinochet was imposed in secret on Chileans by the top of the Washington power structure, but everyone seems to intentionally ignore, that similar covert operations are taking place every single day all over the world. Americans prefer to remain blind to these unpleasant realities and rather wait for a future muckraker like Anderson, to surface and find new proof that 20, 30, 40 years ago, as some commentators suspected and wrote all along, indeed, for instance, the UCK Albanian Liberation Army in Kosovo was a full-scale CIA covert operation after all, initiated by the invisible government of 1999, to destabilize the Balkans and to be able to issue in the end a free ride for the last Communist dictator in the region to the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague.

Kissinger

LBJ, concluding that he was never able to control 'that Goddamn murder incorporated, the CIA', was succeeded by the walking disaster, Richard Nixon. Travelling in 1968 in New-Hampshire for one week on his plane and, I also got to know some of his associates like Herb Klein (press), Richard Price (speech writer), and Richard Allen, (foreign policy-advisor) who later was appointed Ronald Reagan's first national security advisor, but was forced from his job after he had accepted illegal gifts in Japan.

At the airport in Keene, there was a problem with transportation, because snow had fallen. Nixon, John Chancellor of NBC and I were talking under the wing of the plane, when the future president made an astonishing remark. Referring to the two wars Holland had fought to sabotage Sukarno's efforts of nation-building, Nixon said to me: 'We should have sent the Marines to assist the Dutch in defeating Sukarno.'[66] I recalled Nixon's words on welcoming Sukarno in 1956 to Washington likening him to Abraham Lincoln. I realized I had caught a rare first glimpse of what this presidential candidate was really about.

I got in touch with columnist Drew Pearson in Washington, who published October 29, 1968 a syndicated column on this dangerous off hand observation by the candidate for the White House. This article led to an inquiry from the editors of *Life* magazine, who telephoned me in New York. On November 25, 1968, they published a two-page editorial on Nixon's foreign policy options, in which they warned to be more prudent in making statements about the sending of the Marines anywhere in the world.

Nixon invited Nelson Rockefeller's foreign policy advisor, Henry Kissinger to join him at the White House. While much

is known about the bloody hands of this man, the regular revelations about secret deals and new lies further tarnish his record. He turns out book after book to demonstrate that he sees himself as the greatest statesman Washington ever produced, a twentieth century reincarnation of Otto von Bismarck (1815-1898), the Prussian statesman and first chancellor of the German empire. He might even be quite right. Bismarck established empirical power through a series of wars. In 1878 he also presided over the Congress of Berlin, where decisions were made regarding stability on the Balkans and about the Middle-East following the Russo-Turkish War. Bismarck initiated in 1884 another Conference at which Africa was partitioned. Considering the effect of Bismarck's calls for German greatness it ought to be remembered that all this accumulated power led in a relatively short time, in 1914 and 1938, to two World Wars. Kissinger watchers around the globe view him in retrospect as indeed a first class warmonger, who with his Jewish German background might some day be written up as a first classic German politico made-in-USA.

During a Florida vacation I picked up a January-February 2001 copy of *Harpers*, one of the last surviving important US monthly's in the US, thanks to editor Lewis Lapham. It contained part one of an article about Henry Kissinger's war crimes. These were the days that the newly arrived Bushites in Washington were screaming for the blood of Slobodan Milosevic, Saddam Hussein and others. The report, which now appeared as a book[67], was written by Washington journalist Christopher Hitchens. At last an authoratative compilation of Kissinger crimes and misdeeds reached the bookshelves, even that of Barnes & Noble.

Hitchens mentioned six principal evil machinations by Henry Kissinger in the introduction of his book:

‘1 The deliberate mass killing of civilians in Indo-China.

(Is there any difference with Ho Chi-minh killing US terrorists, Stalin killing Nazi invaders or Milosovic killing Albanian terrorists?)

2 Deliberate collusion in mass murder, and later in assassination in Bangladesh.
3 The personal suborning and planning of murder, of a senior constitutional officer in a democratic nation - Chili - with which the United-States was not at war.
4 Personal involvement in a plan to murder the head-of-state in the democratic nation of Cyprus.
5 The incitement and enabling of genocide in East-Timor.
6 Personal involvement in a plan to kidnap and murder a journalist living in Washington DC'.

Telford Taylor, Chief Counsel at the Nazi's War Crimes Tribunal at Nuremberg, later Law Professor at Columbia University, contemplated the pivotal question: What is a war crime? To simply say that it is a violation of the laws of war might be true, but it is hardly meaningful. War consists largely of acts considered crimes in times of peace. Yugoslavia was attacked by the US and NATO without even a declaration of war. That in itself was a war crime and illegal in the absence of a Security Council resolution. NATO followed the Mussolini-Hitler dictum: attack, bomb, invade and forget the rules of war and the League of Nations.

At Nuremberg 21 Nazis were condemned to die. In total, by 1948, 3.500 people were indicted for war crimes in Europe and 2.800 in Japan. In 1970 Taylor published *Nuremberg and Vietnam, An American Tragedy* in which he warned, that US War Crimes in Vietnam ressembled Nazi behaviour in World War II so strong, that Americans could some day be brought before a Nuremberg Tribunal.[68] On ABC television (Dick Cavett Show), professor Taylor suggested, that General William West-

moreland, as commander in Vietnam, could be tried for a wide-range of American War Crimes in Southeast Asia.

Professor Richard Falk of Princeton University recalled in the New York Times magazine of 27 December 1970, that the War Crimes Tribunal organised by British philosopher Bertrand Russell in 1966 was correct in warning that the US was entering the dangerous territory of genocide in Vietnam. Article 2 of the Charter of the on said:

'All members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat of use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.'[69] When eighteen NATO members attacked Belgrado for refusing to give in to a premeditated allied ultimatum, the so-called allies simply behaved like Nazis. Kosovo was a repeat Vietnam performance, again outside the UN and now joined in full force by all NATO countries.

What has to be taken into account is that the great Yankee Bismarck of the past century has been the fundamental architect of the worldwide acceptance of US criminal behaviour in world affairs. Not only was he awarded a Noble Prize for his unscrupulous and sinister operations. But he has also been regarded as one of the most respectable Foreign Policy figures of the twentieth century. But what was worse, he was lending unwarranted respectability to his malicious conduct of US Foreign Affairs. His phony probity fooled many unsuspecting victims. Recently, when Henry dropped in on the then Indonesian President Abdurachman Wahid to lobby on behalf of US firms, his host became so enchanted with Kissinger's soft words, that he appointed him special advisor on the spot.

Hitchens described how Henry entered the halls of power in 1969 'from a mediocre and opportunistic academic to an international potentate to a life of sycophancy and duplicity.' He continued: 'Obsessed with Vietnamese intransigence

Kissinger at one point contemplated using thermonuclear weapons to obliterate the pass through which ran the railway line from North Vietnam to China, and at another stage considered bombing the dikes that prevented North Vietnam's irrigation system from flooding the country.'

General Alexander Haig and his deputy Colonel Ray Sitton mapped the secret bombing of Cambodia. Kissinger oversaw this operation personally. His own collaborators joked at the time: 'Henry is playing Bismarck again.' Some of his aides like Anthony Lake and Roger Morris resigned from his staff in protest over what they considered US mass-murder of Asian civilians outside Vietnam as well. Kissinger would inquire if pilots knew where they were bombing, because he was worried that they would hit CIA crews operating in enemy territory. As more articles about his war crimes are appearing in the media, the more enraged Henry becomes. To the troubled minds of Nixon and Kissinger, the truth has always been synonymous with treason. When *The New York Times* decided to print the Pentagon Papers, June 13, 1971, a telephone conversation between these two men became known years later. 'It is treasonable, there is no question. It's actionable, I am absolutely sure this violates all sorts of security laws,' Kissinger told his boss.

They arranged for Attorney General John Mitchell to ask the courts to bar further publication. But the US Supreme Court rejected 6 to 3 the presidential request. Anthony Lewis recalled this tragic episode in the *The Times*, June 9, 2001, and reminded readers of the fact, that Congress in 2000 introduced a bill that would make publication of classified papers a crime. 'The press paid little attention to the menacing legislation until it had gone through both the House and Senate and been sent to the White House. President Clinton then saved the day by vetoing the legislation.'

In the end, the casualty figures as a result of war crimes by five

US heads-of-state and their errand boys - of whom Kissinger was the worst - became unacceptably high. They make Milosevic, Karadzic and Mladic look like small time operators. Between March 1969 and May 1970 alone Nixon and Kissinger approved no less than 3.630 secret missions above Cambodia and Laos, with 600.000 dead people in Cambodia and 350.000 in Laos. Sukarno and Sihanouk opposed this massmurder in South East Asia and were promptly removed for their refusal to cooperate with the US war criminals.

The US Senate Subcommittee for Refugees estimated that between 1969 - when Nixon and Kissinger began to run the war - and 1972, three million Asians had been killed. During those four years the US dropped 4.500.000 tons of high explosives on the three countries, that once made up Indo-China. According to the Pentagon the US Air Force dropped about half this load during World War II above Germany. The notorious CIA counter-guerrilla 'Phoenix' program initiated by this murderous duo in the White House, killed an additional 35.708 Vietnamese civilians in the period 1969-1972.

Chapter 8 of the Hitchens book dealt with East-Timor invaded on December 7, 1975 by the Suharto regime. That day, President Gerald Ford and Henry Kissinger left Jakarta after an official visit to the fascist junta, which the US and a dozen rich nations had kept in the saddle since 1965 with billions and billions of dollars. Later C. Philip Liechty, CIA operations officer in Jakarta, confirmed that Ford and Kissinger had given Suharto the green light to invade Portuguese East-Timor.

On August 11, 1995, Henry presented a new book in a New-York Hotel. Hitschens recalled that the first question was raised by Constancio Pinto, a former Timorese resistance fighter, who asked where Kissinger had been when 200.000 Timorese were killed by Suharto's Army. Henry improvised and said that the subject of Timor never came up during the visit to Suharto. They had only been informed upon leaving at the

airport that Timor would be invaded. The next questioner, Allan Nairn, confirmed that former President Ford in an interview with him had said that Timor had indeed been discussed during the Ford-Kissinger talks with Suharto. Nairn even produced a State Department transcript of the Jakarta talks, further confirming that the invasion of East-Timor had been on the agenda. Kissinger was lying with a straight face. C. Philip Liechty went even further. He said, that without heavy US logistics support the Dili operation would not even have been possible, therefore it had been elaborately discussed in Washington as well.

Hitchens presented further shocking details about the Nixon-Kissinger conspiracy to destroy Salvador Allende. In 1998 declassified documents showed how Henry had never before showed the slightest interest in Chili, but this time he intended to impress his boss with an efficient elimination plan. At CIA headquarters in Langley a group was set up to map a two-track policy. 'One the ostensible diplomatic one and the other - unknown to the State Department or the US ambassador to Chili, Edward Korry - a strategy of destabilization, kidnap and assassination, designed to provoke a military coup', wrote Hitschens on the basis of the documents. This is the standard scenario for CIA operations. They were a carbon copy of the set-up for the Jakarta coup of 1965. It had worked in so many places, and it would once more work beautifully against Allende in Chili. It worked in Grenada, in Surinam, in Panama, in Pakistan, everywhere.

December 2, 1998 some Chilean files were released, but as Hitchens warned, much of what Nixon, Kissinger, the visible or invisible Washington gangsters had done, would remain safely under seal. They are being held by the CIA, the Defence Intelligence Agency, the State Department, the Pentagon, the National Security Council, the National Archives, the presidential libraries of Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter and other

government agencies. No wonder. As long as the Chief White House mobster of those glorious Nixon years is still very much alive and kicking, and internationally revered and applauded, no-one is supposed to uncover the truth, until this shady character has left the earth for good. Nixon was carried to his grave two decades after Watergate as one of the greatest presidents in American history. Henry should get a mausoleum in Berlin.

Saddam

Norman Schwarzkopf, the man who was asked by George Bush I to annihilate Saddam, was once invited by the Shah of Iran to set up his secret police, the SAVAK. Small world indeed. He later became commander of CENTCOM (Central Command for the Middle East). Those days it was considered normal - and in line with international law - that US airplanes bombed Iranian oil platforms at sea, because the Iranian leadership was considered quite mad. Washington considered Saddam an ally, because he was fighting against the Ayatollahs. And Kuwait, Saudi-Arabia, Jordan, Britain, France and West-Germany helped Iraq in its mortal battle against Iran.

In 1989, however, the CIA & Associates began to formulate War Plan 1002 to counter, what was perceived as a Soviet threat towards the Gulf. In 1990, CENTCOM headquarters staged computer games called Internal Look, to test its war plans. In spite of Iraq having defeated Iran, CENTCOM continued to consider Iraq a Kremlin ally, therefore Saddam remained a threat to the region, as Milosevic was a threat to the Balkans. General Schwarzkopf testified early in 1990 before the Senate, that Saddam was a danger for everyone in the Middle-East. The Iraqi leader knew of this conspiracy against him and he com-

plained at an emergency Arab Summit in Baghdad that Washington was mobilizing its Arab allies against him. Of course, this was true and a full-scale CIA operation. In July 1990, Saddam renewed his complaints and said that Kuwait was conspiring to hurt the Iraqi economy. Of course, this was also true, because Kuwait was being used as bait by the warmongers in Washington to further enrage Saddam hoping he would walk straight into the set trap. And, of course, he did, with both feet.

Kuwait had rested untill 1899 under Ottoman Turkish rule. The reigning sheik asked British protection. In 1921, Sir Percy Cox of the British Colonial Office drew a line on the map separating Kuwait permanently from Iraq. In practice, it meant Iraq lost its access to the Persian Gulf. Understandably, all Iraqi leaders struggled with a desire to regain its lost territory. In 1972 Baghdad nationalized the oil industry. One day before this was done, Nixon and Kissinger hatched a plot with the Shah of Iran to begin arming the Iraqi Kurds. The Kurds are being used by the CIA to destabilize Saddam. Hence, Baghdad has employed Nixon-Kissinger type methods, including chemical warfare, copying the US example in Southeast Asia, against Kurd CIA collaborators. This does not mean that Kurds, like everyone else, should be denied the right to have their own state and stop being refugees for ever. Listening to US Congressional representatives - or for that matter reading western commentators - calling Saddam a war criminal for his murderous policy toward the Kurd minority, equals the pot calling the kettle black.

Saddam was caught in the CIA noose. He invaded Kuwait on August 2, 1990. Bob Woodward, in another book, *The Commanders* related, how Saddam, knowing that Washington could not be trusted, double-checked with US ambassador, April Glaspie (48), how her Government would react if Iraq was to march into Kuwait bringing order into chaos. Dick Cheney

had said, that the US 'would stick with its friends.' What did it mean? 'We have no opinion on Arab-Arab conflicts like your border disagreement with Kuwait,' she replied.[70] US Army Chief, Colin Powell was relieved, when he saw Glaspie's cable, because he felt there was room for negotiation. But, the invisible government had an improved War Plan 1002-90 ready, and this was the moment to unleash the CIA dogs. No negotiations: war!

Woodward reconstructed step by step with precision how George Bush formed his grand alliance to attack Baghdad with an international assemblage of armed forces totalling some 600.000 soldiers to destroy Saddam. The Arab turncoat, Hosni Mubarak, received 8 billion dollars in debts to the west to be written off in exchange for sending Egyptian cannon fodder to join the Bush grand assault on his Arab brothers in Iraq. November 29, 1990, the Security Council passed Resolution 678 authorizing military force to drive Iraq from Kuwait if Saddam had not left by January 15, 1991. In a last ditch effort to prevent war from breaking out Secretary-of-State, James Baker and his Iraqi counterpart Tariq Azis met January 9, 1991 in Geneva. Baker handed Azis a letter from father Bush, that Iraq was to be wiped out if Kuwait was not evacuated by Iraqi troops immediately. Azis refused to carry the letter to Baghdad and handed it back to Texas cowboy Baker.

January 17, 1991 the United-States & Co. began to bomb Iraq with some 2.000 planes daily, an air assault that was to last 42 days and had never been seen in the region before. There were the usual mishaps, like the one with the public shelter in Baghdad, when a US precision bomb accidentally scored a direct hit, by which some 1.500 civilians were killed. Ramsey Clark, former Attorney General of President Lyndon Johnson was in Baghdad during the bombardments by his nation's pilots. He became so enraged, that he fired letters off to the Secretary-General of the UN, Xavier Perez de Cuellar and to Pres-

ident Bush to limit the bombing of military targets and stop the mass killing of civilians. 'The United Nations must not be an accessory to war crimes,' he cautioned de UN.

In his book, *The Fire This Time* Clark explained how he assisted in setting up a Commission of Inquiry for an International War Crimes Tribunal.[71] He drafted 19 detailed preliminary charges of crimes against peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the US Government, 'all based on evidence already available as measured by international laws defining crimes against peace and war crimes. These laws included The Hague and Geneva Conventions and the Nuremberg Charter.' He continued, 'This book shows how the US Constitution and the UN Charter were violated, and describes the international laws defining war crimes. It analyses the American media's failure to adequately inform the American public and world public opinion: an essential element in understanding the tragedy and preventing its repetition. This failure made possible the celebration of a slaughter and reveals the helplessness of a world, however democratic, that is ignorant or misinformed, even when its life is at stake.'[72]

Clark's eyewitness report said: 'A careful look at American involvement in the region reveals that the US Government, and not Iraq, bears prime responsibility for the war, which was planned in Washington long before the first Iraqi soldier entered Kuwait. The US used the Kuwaiti royal family to provoke an Iraqi invasion that would justify a massive assault on Iraq to establish US dominion in the Gulf.' Actually, it is incomprehensible, that while Washington has been playing the same dirty tricks over and over again, nations and leaders everywhere, can be for ever lured like meek sheep into the next CIA trap, like organizing a coalition of peace loving nations attacking Kosovo 8 years later.

Bob Woodward drew similar conclusions as Clark following talks in Washington to the leading players of Operation

Desert Storm. While Senator Sam Nunn of the Armed Services Committee still wanted to know from Bush Sr., Cheney and Powell if a war was in the vital interests of the United-States, these men had made up their minds to go ahead no matter what anybody said. Even the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral William Crowe, wondered aloud about the rush to go to war: 'Everyone is so impatient,' he said. There have been, no doubt, eyebrows raised around the world, when the same clique of jingoist troublemakers returned in one way or the other after the election stolen in 2000, that actually was won by Al Gore with no less than 600.000 popular ballots. Bush junior occupies the White House solely courtesy of a partisan and crooked decision by a Supreme Court dominated by conservatives. No-one dares to suggest, as yet, that the return of another Bush clan was engineered by the CIA and the invisible government. Yet, few were really surprised at events during the Florida election. Americans have become accustomed to reprehensible conduct by those who lead their country. Neither is anybody going to be surprised if at some future date someone is going to spill the beans in Washington and divulge that Small George took over from Big George and kidnapped the White House from Al Gore in an undercover operation by the invisibles in order to open the palace gates once more to former Cold War militants and oil barons of Texas.

Woodward's reconstruction of White House decisionmaking to destroy the Kremlin's closest ally in the Middle East - as the Bush clan saw it - is a chilling tale bordering delusion and madness. For obvious reasons the CIA raised alarm about Saddam's imaginary power, that he perhaps could march from Kuwait to the Saudi capital Riyadh, only 275 miles away. General Brent Scowcroft of the White House expressed the opinion, that Saddam had to be removed one way or the other and it had to be done by the CIA in secret. We know what this

could mean sending him the Mafia with poisoned cigars, deadly toothpaste, or god knows what else.

Bob Woodward discovered that father Bush had in the end ordered the CIA to begin preparations for a covert operation to destabilize the Saddam regime. He wanted an all-out effort to strangle the Iraqi economy. Anti-Saddam resistance groups inside or outside Iraq should be given all the necessary assistance. The CIA should start selecting leaders who could take over from Saddam. This reminds us of Fidel. Washington has been aiming to remove him one way or the other since 1960. Woodward quotes the senior Bush as having said in 1990, 'If there ever was a case for covert action undertaken in the national interest, this is it.' He asked Cheney, Powell and Schwarzkopf to come to Camp David to discuss the military options to topple Saddam.[73] One reads these lines as a European and wonders whether Americans have gone collectively crazy, that they no longer realize, that such thinking and behaviour of their President is clearly of a criminal nature and to most people in the world totally unacceptable. Who empowered the White House to behave as a global public prosecutor? Judge Clark's Chapter III dealt with war crimes against Iraq's civilian population and is a sickening shocker. There were 109.000 overflights in 42 days unloading 88.500 tons of explosives. 'The bombing of Iraq's cities and infrastructure had nothing to do with driving Iraq from Kuwait. It was intended to cripple a developing Third World country that was a politically independent military power in the region,' he wrote.[74] He discovered, that in July 1990, prior to Saddam's invasion of Kuwait, 'war games at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina identified 27 strategic sites in Iraq, projecting Baghdad as an aggressor. On August 7, five days after the invasion of Kuwait this number was enlarged to 57 and after that to 87 strategic targets inside Iraq to be destroyed.'

In July another possible 'war game' against Iraq was con-

ducted at the Naval War College. The question: how to respond to an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Three realistic options were discussed:

1 to assassinate Saddam.
2 punitive raids on vital targets as refineries, pipelines and power lines and
3 bringing in ground troops with air support to the Arabian peninsula.

Clark: 'In reality each option was pursued.' The US Air Force Chief of Staff, General Michael Dugan added to reporters, that one ultimate aim would be downtown Bagdad. Hermann Göring reasoned the same way when he bombed the heart of the city of Rotterdam in 1940 to force Holland to surrender to Nazi Germany. General Dugan added: 'If I want to hurt you, it would be at home, not out in the woods some place.' This was too close to the truth even for then Secretary of Defence, Dick Cheney, who fired the general. Ramsey Clark explained, that Bush had stressed, that the US buildup in Saudi-Arabia had been of a defensive nature, while Dugan's statements betrayed US plans, that Washington was not only planning an offensive war, but was to target civilians.

Noam Chomsky has analysed article 51 of the UN Charter, which states that individual or collective self-defence against armed attack is permissible in the case of armed attack until the Security Council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security. Washington had over the years developed the unalterable position that national interests of the US preclude the acceptance of any external constraints, which in practice means, we do as we please, UN or no UN. That was the attitude with which Hitler and Mussolini brought down the earlier League of Nations in Geneva as an effective instrument of international law and order. The UN Charter was designed to subordinate the national interests to

global interests. The problem the world is faced with at the start of the 21ste century is, that there is momentarily only one all powerful super-state that behaves as Super Rogue Power, because it ranks global interests secondary to its national interests and is totally convinced it has the right to behave that way, in spite of the Charter of the UN or any other international treaties.

When Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the UN travelled in 1998 to Baghdad to try to mediate the US-Iraq military impasse Mrs. Madeleine Albright bluntly said, she wished him well, 'and when he comes back we will see what he has brought and how it fits our national interest.'[75] In Albrights words, Washington 'will act multilaterally when we can, and unilaterally when we must.' Fascist reasoning has been polluting the minds of the visible and invisible decisionmakers in Washington for a long time. Globalisation will never ever become a reality, if the most powerful economy in the world continues to be ruled by gangsters and rogue elements, who refuse to abide by principles of international law and instead follow vigilante tactics backed up by a universal fear for intercontinental missiles with multiple nuclear warheads.

Colombia

In October 2000 Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Rob Wyden sounded a warning. They issued a Report on Secrecy in International and Domestic Policy Making. 'As we enter the 21st century, the great fear we have for our Democracy is the enveloping culture of government secrecy and the corresponding distrust of Government that follows.' The senators echoed what David Wise and Thomas Ross had warned for in 1964, followed by Colonel Prouty in 1973. Wise and Prouty

personally opened my eyes to what was really going on in Washington mostly out of sight of both lawmakers and public. Let alone, lawmakers and public in nations that trusted the US and called themselves allies of America.

James Bamford, investigative reporter for ABC Television 'World News Tonight with Peter Jennings' and a writer for *The New York Times* and other serious media, published in 2001 a 721 page study *Body Secrets*.[76] He carefully analysed the National Security Agency in Washington. The headquarters of this mysterious arm of 'the government within the government' is located near Annapolis Junction in Maryland. Bamford describes this hornets' nest of ruthless killers as 'a labyrinth of barbedwired fences, motion detectors, hydraulic antitruck devices. And thick cement barriers.' This government pirates den is guarded by commandos in black paramilitary uniforms, wearing special headgear, and brandishing an assortment of weapons including Colt 9mm submachine guns, like in a Hollywood movie scene. The complex is called Crypto City and consists of some sixty building. Tens of thousands of people are employed here in absolute secrecy. According to Bamford most employees do not tell their wives what they do. It is also home to the largest collection of hyperpowerful computers on the planet and a laboratory for advanced mathematicians and language experts.

Bamford, too, starts off by remembering Wild Bill Donovan as the father of all US spies. He painted a fascinating portrait of how during the years of Cold War Washington glided towards an unchallenged position of turning into the intelligence capital of the world. The Donovan Boys in Crypto City are in detail informed how a certain factory in Chili in Pinochet times produced cluster bombs for the armed forces of Saddam Hussein.[77]

Body Secrets shows how the National Security Agency and the CIA are often at loggerheads, because the NSA became a super-

star. A ‘war’ constantly rages between these two spy organisations over who will get how many billions from Congress to carry on the work. At one time the NSA was led by Admiral Bob Inman, nicknamed ‘the dark prince of intelligence.’ CIA boss those days was Admiral Stansfield Turner. The two were fighting over the billions needed to finance their gargantuan satellite program. Washington referred to the affair as ‘the battle of the Admirals.’

For Europeans, whose nations are closely allied to Mafia Incorporated in Washington, books like the Bamford report are sickening to read, because it demonstrates, what happens if a gigantic military industrial complex like the United States runs amok and demonstrates a creeping tendency to copy Hitlerite thinking of having become the sole nation capable of saving the world. In order to achieve this noble goal the military power of the US became equal to none. Foreign leaders that entertain different views will be assassinated, overthrown or chased away from their home countries at the pleasure of the Donovan boys. Washington seems to prefer a kind of law of the jungle, what the Bush II Administration openly calls, ‘a la carte multilateralism.’ The Director of the State Department Planning Group, Richard Haass elaborated to *The New York Times*, that this meant that the Government would have a close reading of all signed treaties, and that the Bushites were going to determine which ones were no longer in line with present US national interests and therefore had to be scrapped. The world is in for some further big surprises.

Loch Johnson of the University of Georgia listed in *Secret Agencies* the options by which the US feels free to intervene when it fits its own interests:

‘Use of chemical-biological and other deadly agents; secret wars; assassination plots; small-scale coup d'états; major economic dislocations, like crop, livestock destruction; environmental alterations; pinpointed retaliation against non-com-

batants; torture; hostage taking; sophisticated arms supplies; training of foreign military forces for war; limited arms supplies for offensive purposes; massive funding of autocracies; sharing of sensitive intelligence; embassy break-ins; high-level intrusive political surveillance; high level recruitment and penetrations; disinformation against democratic regimes; disinformation against autocratic regimes,' etcetera. Johnson named additional options and added: 'These activities represent little or no infringement of a nation's sovereignty and the widely held view that nations should not intervene blatantly in one another's internal affairs. They are widely practiced with minimal international repercussions.' In the view of this observer, the conclusion by Loch Johnson is dangerous nonsense. If all nations in the world would scrap all treaties like Bush II is doing, the global village would sink into anarchy. Another large-scale illegal US operation is currently taking place in Colombia, where Washington unilaterally declared war on local drug lords. Colombia, with 41 million people is the third largest country in Latin America and the second most important in biodiversity. It is the world's number one cocaine supplier. The drug lords are financing three irregular armies, two on the left and one on the right, all para-military vigilantes. Smack in the middle of this combat area Washington has placed its own hired killers to advise the Colombians how to cut each others throats more effectively. In this reportage it was shown in what detail the CIA Manuals advise Latino rightists as how to increase terror and bloodshed to kill off leftists.

William Blum reported in *Rogue state*, 'The US has aided (Colombian) Government raids and other military activists by providing helicopters, intelligence information about guerilla movements, satellite images and communication intercepts. At times, US planes fly overhead during combat operations. A report by Amnesty International pinpoints the real US

war aims in Columbia. It said that tens of thousands of people were killed, not as a result of drug wars but for political reasons. While US bad boys pretend they oppose the cocaine trade, in reality, US advisors are out there to murder trade unionists, human rights activists and leaders of legal left-wing movements.' History repeats itself. For the Americans it is fine to kill on the left and one is a war criminal when the killing is done on the right. Amnesty warned: 'US supplied military equipment, ostensibly delivered for use against narcotics traffickers, is being used by the Colombian military to commit these human rights abuses in the name of 'counter-insurgency'. A hundred million dollars was sent by Washington to finance mercenaries for the purpose of stoking new guerrilla fires and kill possible future leftist leaders in Columbia by the thousands. Here, too, the US is carrying out substantial mischief and causing bloodletting and infinite suffering for thousands of people under the aegis of noble fight against drug lords. In reality, the sick minds in Crypto City, Maryland and at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia - and if not there, for certain at the White House itself - are hunting down Latin leftists and communists and using the Columbian drug trade as an excuse. It happened in Panama, it is repeated here. Bush massacres leftist latinos, in exactly the same fashion as Milosevic asked general Mladic to get rid of UCK terrorists who were invading Kosovo at the behest of the CIA and the Secret Team.. Noam Chomsky quotes in *The New Military Humanisme*[78] Human Rights Watch data and concludes that the US has 'blood on his hands' in Colombia. Washington turned Colombia into the leading recipient of US arms and training, resulting in a sharp rise of violence, turning that Latin nation into experiencing 'the worst humanitarian crisis in the Western Hemisphere since the US ran slaughter and terror during the 60s, 70s and 80s in Central America.' In 1999 there were 2-3000 people killed in Colombia and 300.000 became refugees.

Chomsky: 'The state terror operations follow guidelines provided by the Kennedy Administration which advised the Colombia military 'to select civilian and military personnel (...) as necessary execute paramilitary, sabotage and/or terrorist activities against known Communist proponents. It should be backed by the United States.' Professor Chomsky discovered, that the sole independent political party in Colombia 'was virtually eliminated by assassination of thousands of its elected officials, candidates and activists. The primary victims have been peasants, particulary those who dared to raise their heads in a regime of brutal repression and enormous poverty in the midst of highly-praised economic succes'.[79] Colombia is another repeat performance of what US rogue elements wrought for instance Indonesia where hundreds of thousands of peasants and workers butchered with the assistance of US criminal minds, weapons and money.

It was disconcerting reading, when Chomsky reported that the Clinton Administration was particulary enthusiastic in its praise of President Gavira, whose tenure in office was responsible for appalling levels of violence, as reported by Human Rights organisations. 'Atrocities run the gamut', observed the MIT professor, 'while currently US military aid to Colombia continues to be used in indiscriminate bombing and other atrocities, and is slated to increase sharply for 1999, probably taking the first place internationally apart from, Israel and Egypt, which belong to a separate category.'[80]

Drug gangs of unemployed urban youths were turned into 'sicarios', or hired killers. The drug business finances three irregular Colombian armies. 'On the left,' reported the *Economist* on April 21st, 2001, 'fight guerillas of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the smaller National Liberation Front (FLN). On the right, bands of military vigilantes, most of whom are organised in the United Self Defence Forces of Colombia (AUC). The conflict between the

guerrillas and the security forces, which enjoy the unofficial (and increasingly unwelcome) support of the paramilitaries, began decades ago. The governement's writ runs over only about half of this vast country - though that includes the cities, where most Colombians live.'

Naturally, Washington felt obliged in the name of freedom and democracy to step into this incredibly confusing mess, which in essence remained a struggle between rich and poor, between basic social justice and the lifting of the masses to a better life. Washington, and the computer playing assholes at Crypto City, automatically associate left with Communist and seem incapable of understanding that if there is ever a semblance of fair play for all in the world to be reached, the wave is to the left, not to the right. Economic warfare against Cuba with a Helms Burton Act fail in the end, as history will show. That's why Fidel Castro told the students at Rio de Janeiro University, June 30, 1999, 'Forty years have passed and they (US) keep trying. But the more time passes, the more puzzled they are. They undoubtedly think we are a special kind of bug. But, no we are exactly the same as all the other bugs. It is just, that we have become bugs with a consciousness.' No doubt the FARC fighters, and others in Columbia, share these words by the Cuban leader to the Brasilian students, 'That is the only evolution that has taken place in Cuba. It is with this consciousness that we have defended ourselves throughout all this time, and even more so when we were left completely alone in terms of our economic relations with our basic markets and sources of credits and supplies, and without access to any of the international financial institutions.'

In 2000 there were, according to the Columbian Government 1.777 death. The Columbia Commission of Jurists said there were 6.067 dead victims of the 'socio-political violence'. The Commission says that the US supported paramilitaries were responsible for 49 per cent of the hunted, while the guerrillas

killed 11 per cent. Both groups kill ‘collaborators’ that work with ‘the enemy’. There were an additional, 3.707 kidnappings, which makes Colombia the world's leader in this business.

Washington injects 440 million dollars solely for training three so-called anti-drugs Army battalions, totalling 2.500 men. They are equipped with 16 Blackhawk guerrilla warfare helicopters. In Putumayo province 29.000 hectares of coca farms have been sprayed, recalling the worst days of the Vietnam war. Farmers fear that glyphosate is harming their health. Millions of gallons of chemicals have already rained down on Colombian jungles and farmlands. And while this all goes on *The Economist* reports, that the paramilitaries, in 1993 numbering 1.200, in 1998 4.500 are the fastest growing force now totalling 8.000: ‘They are responsible for many of the worst atrocities against civilians.’ And who are the financiers, weapons dealers, and chemical warfare producers of the criminals in Colombia? The Latin paramilitaries are simply a stand-in for US Marines like the UCK is in Albania.

The *London Observer* reported, that Bush junior was engineering a back door military escalation by raising a private army in the Latin drugs war. Foreign Affairs editor Peter Beaumont wrote July 22, 2001: ‘A new 676 million dollar program - the Andean Counterdrug Initiative - would allow the Bush administration to deploy as many former servicemen as it wanted.’ The suspicion is justified, that since Bush son entered the White House, the nature of the Latin American war against drugs is handled entirely by the invisibles in Washington. And, as is standard procedure with the Secret Team and the CIA, they are secretly changing the character of the anti-drugs war into covert US military assistance to the fascist regime in Colombia, which is entangled with various guerrilla movements. In the past, the Security Council of the UN would have been convened to discuss the bloody conflict in Colombia.

No-one seems to care anymore what happens to rural campesinos, who die by the thousands each year, caught in the crossfire between US and Colombian rangers and a majority of guerrillas, who consider Fidel Castro their teacher. Now the junior Bush is set on expanding the bloodbath.

To my Dutch readers I am obliged to add: my friends, this is the behaviour of our beloved allies in Washington. These are the rogues who tell our government in The Hague, we had to join them in a war against Irak, or Yugoslavia, and god knows where tomorrow, or else. The time has come for Western Europe to let the Atlantic Alliance go. Perhaps NATO was following World War II a rational solution to meet the realities in the second half of the 20th century. George Bush (son) is right when he says, the Cold War days are over, we now have to revise the Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972. It is even more urgent to scrap the NATO Alliance of 1947 now. The future of Europe lies in the East of Europe and Russia and not in North America. And, the East will never fully trust its Western peninsula as long as we remain entangled in a pact with the vigilantes of Wild Bill Donovan.

Milosevic

Harvard political scientist Samuel Huntington interprets history as the record of human civilizations. The West is in relative decline. Asia is expanding and lslam is on the rise. Perhaps, recent events on the Balkans - with their Muslim component - reflect a microcosm of future historic developments. Yugoslavia broke up over the past decade. During the postwar rule of Jozef Broz Tito a relative calm reigned between ethnic population groups. Slobodan Milosevic was supposed to keep the nation together. His bad luck was, that Washington

decided the moment had arrived to cleanse the Balkans of the vestiges of communism for once and for all. The true story of how the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA-UCK) transformed in twelve months from a 200 member guerrilla band into a 12.000 uniformed, armed to the teeth fighting force, will have to become clear over the years to come.

Albania is made up of Ghegs, Tosks, Greeks, Vlachs, Gypsies, Montenegrin Serbs, Malissores and Bulgars. Tirana was the last East European nation to open in 1954 diplomatic relations with Peking. But after the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956, Albania began to warm up to China. In 1960 Enver Hoxha sided with Mao and attacked the policies of Nikita Khrushchev. 'China urgently needed a Communist ally in Europe,' British journalist Richard Deacon stated in his book *The Chinese Secret Service.*[81] 'In fact, the Chinese moved in as the Russians moved out.' Albania became Peking's principal listening post in the West. Radio and code links were established. Washington strategists decided on the Communist odd man out in the Balkans to launch from its territory an all-out attack on Milosevic's collapsing federation. In Albania lived mercenaries, that hated the Serbs sufficiently to attack Kosovo for free. The trap being prepared for Belgrade resembled in more ways than one way the tricks played on Saddam in Kuwait. Milosevic never ever dreamt of the possibility, that when he signed the order to chase invading Albanians out of his sovereign land, he could possibly end up accused of War Crimes in a prison cell in The Hague. Let alone, that a blood-brother, Zoran Djindjic, would sell him for 1.28 billion dollars to the enemy.

Madeleine Albright, and her accommodating colleagues from France and Britain played a dirty diplomatic game in the French castle of Rambouillet. They presented a so-called peace proposal, that in fact contained a killer clause and was nothing but a prearranged ultimatum. For instance, if accepted,

NATO troops would be free to move anywhere in Yugoslavia, including its airspace and its territorial waters. No Serb President could ever accept such humiliating conditions. Therefore, the NATO was fully prepared for a war that could be started on an hour's notice.

The Yugoslav side had introduced a Revised Draft Agreement at Rambouillet, that neither the media, nor the Russians knew about. It had been kept out of sight by the Conference organizers. The Yugoslavs called a press conference March 18 at 11:00 hours, which was attended by a few journalists. It was too late anyway. The White House and the Donovan boys, had already decided many months before this so-called peace-conference, that Yugoslavia would be brought to its knees, so that traitors like Djindjic could take over, the Pinochet of Yugoslavia.

Noam Chomsky stressed that 'the hysterical exaggeration of the enemy's unfathomable evil' by western propaganda attacking Milosevic personally as a second Hitler threatening the very survival of civilisation. It reminded him of a form of holocaust revisionism.[82] There is nothing more demeaning for a Marxist than to be compared to the Nazi dictator, and whatever can be said of the Yugoslav leader, he was not a Hitler. But, for some dark reason, when Air Force General Curtis LeMay shouts 'Let's bomb Vietnam back to the Stone Age', Americans feel that its fine, while he raved like any commander in Göring's Luftwaffe.

When NATO began bombing Serbia on March 24, 1999, Tony Blair declared 'The new generation draws the line.' NATO was finally waging war to defend 'values (...) the brutal repression of whole ethnic groups will no longer be tolerated (...) those responsible for such crimes have nowhere to hide.' Bill Clinton spoke in similar terms. Colonel-psychologist Dave Gross-man must have told his students at West-Point, 'Now, at last, NATO superiority is leading us to the noble kill.'[83]

The latest fabrication out of Washington was, that the rich nations were unselfishly risking lives, to fight the very first 'humanitarian war' in the history of mankind. In reality they were after Milosevic, just as George Bush Sr. dispatched 36.000 marines to pick up Manuel Noriega in Panama, or as warships and bombers appeared before the coast of Lybia to scare the hell out of Qadaffi, or as 600.000 men were shipped to the Middle East to invade Iraq and make Saddam shit in his pants. This time, however, it was not the Americans by themselves, who behaved like fascists, violating all instruments of international law, but Washington and London managed to drag the entire NATO Alliance into their illegal, vigilante adventure to teach Milosevic a lesson. Now they were in reality carrying out what the computer games had told them in Crypto City in Maryland, USA. And, when it was all over, and the smoke over Yugoslav cities had lifted, the NATO allies called Milosevic & Co dead easy the true war criminals.

Once more Washington was after a foreign leader that the Donovan boys did not like and did not agree with, just as their fathers had persued Uncle Ho in Hanoi, Sukarno in Indonesia, Sihanouk in Cambodia, Bhutto in Pakistan, and all the others. But in the 60s and 70s it was considered quite normal that the US engaged in massive ethnic cleansing in Asia. Carpet bombing of civilian populations, chemical warfare, Agent orange, assassinating President Diem and his brother, bombing Laos and Cambodia in the absence of a UN Resolution, was all considered quite acceptable and necessary for the overall crusade against communism. Allright, it might have been large scale genocide, an Asian holocaust made in USA, but now, all this should be forgotten, according to Blair. A new generation was designing new ways to achieve its goals and serve it's interests. NATO was sending supersonic bombers over Serbia and Kosovo at stratospheric heights, that Soviet made SAM missiles could not reach them, as long as bridges, televi-

sion stations, factories and enough people were getting destroyed or killed. Then the Yugoslavs would finally start to hate Milosevic, hasten his demise, so that the West could cry victory again.

In the 60s and 70s voices about US criminal behaviour were being raised by Lord Bertrand Russell, Jean Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir. Today, it is Nelson Mandela, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Samuel Huntington, Ramsey Clark and others who point to Washington as the seat of the world's Rogue Super Power. The offshoot of the Group of Non Aligned Nations, created in Bandung, Indonesia in 1955 by Sukarno is being called in the 21th century the G-77, which unites 133 countries making up 80 per cent of the world's population. They met in April 2000 in Havana where the so-called right of Clinton, Blair and NATO to conduct humanitarian military interventions outside the united Nations was rejected. They called the latest Washington-London invention of war for humanitarian reasons a new form of imperialism in disguise. They likewise condemned globalisation as a derailment of Western capitalist ideology.

Nelson Mandela resented the behaviour of the UK and US to ride roughshod over the UN and initiating wars against Irak and Yugoslavia. He told Bill Clinton to his face, during the presidential visit to Pretoria, that it was not for Washington to decide who his friends were. Castro, Arafat and Qaddafi supported South-Africa in the struggle against apartheid. He had no intention to desert his friends, because Clinton did not like them. Never before had an American President been addressed by a foreign head-of-state in such blunt language. Mandela's popularity with US blacks skyrocketed further.

Solzhenitsyn, too, accused Washington of acting in World Affairs as if the united Nations no longer existed. Also, Samuel Huntington observed, as quoted by Chomsky, ‘One reads about the world's desire for American leadership only in the

United-States, while everywhere else one reads about American arrogance and American unilateralism.' There are also lesser American gods, who showed exasperation about the lies and misrepresentations by their Government.

James G. Jatras, policy analyst of the Republican Senate Policy Committee, a former State Department employee wrote about NATO's Alice-in-Wonderland interpretation of why Yugoslavia had to be attacked. 'NATO'S version of reality went something like this. The crisis in Kosovo is simply the latest episode in the aggressive drive by extreme Serbian nationalism, orchestrated by Slobodan Milosevic, to create an ethnically pure Greater Serbian State. That aggression, first in Slovenia, then in Croatia, and then in Bosnia, finally came to Kosovo, largely because the West - notably NATO - refused to stand up to Milosevic.' Jatras traces US assistance to the Kosovo Liberation Army to 'simplistic NATO mythology.' NATO credibility would be destroyed if genocide was allowed in the heart of Europe at the dawn of the 21st century. Hence, open warfare was unavoidable. Jatras next explains, that the war of Kosovo was the result of the UCK deliberate strategy of turning a political confrontation into a military one. That was, as usual, the standard CIA script, popular in Washington since the Bay of Pigs adventure. UCK attacks were directed not only at Serbian police and officials but Serbian civilians as weil, deliberately calculated to trigger a massive and largely indiscriminate response by Serbian forces. Who were the no. 1 war criminals? Washington initiated, armed and directed UCK. The Serbs walked into the trap and produced a ruthless response to being attacked by an army of CIA mercenaries in disguise. They had no other choice.

Jatras: 'The Clinton Administration's claim that NATO resorted to force only after diplomacy had failed is flatly untrue.' He continued, 'The decision to bomb turned Kosovo from a crisis into a disaster, we no longer had a Kosovo policy, we had

a UCK policy (...). The Clinton Administration elevated to virtually unchallenged status as the legitimate representative of the Kosovo Albaninan people a terrorist group, whose acitivities raise very serious questions about its criminal involvement particularly in the drug trade - and about radical Islamic influences, including those of Osama bin Laden and the Iranians.'[84]

Doug Bandow, a former special assistant to President Reagan, now a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, summed up the ridiculous flaws in the Clinton Administration policy:

1 'Washington illegally embarked upon a war, in contravention of the US Constitution, the NATO Treaty and the UN Charter.
2 Clinton and the US allies (shamefully Holland was bamboozled into participating) launched an unprovoked attack on a nation that had threatened no-one, thereby lowering the bar against aggressive war worldwide.
3 Deepened European dependence on America for defense of European interests that have little relevance to America and
4 Put US soldiers at risk without any serious, let alone vital, American interest at stake.'

Clinton and Blair - I wrote to my Prime Minister Wim Kok an urgent letter, 'Your friends Bill and Tony are behaving like hoodlums' - were telling the world that their war was based on morality to oppose a vicious campaign of ethnic cleansing, they were lying. In fact NATO's war against Serbia illustrated the worst sort of hypocrisy for all the world to see.'[85]

The time of writing, summer 2001, the tragedy on the Balkan is teeter-tottering towards an end which pleases Washington since it meets its expectations in the quest for its next crusade: globalisation. The Tito state is broken up. Barefaced lies, duplicity, and a concoction of manipulated figures of genocide

attributed only to the Serbs were used by the US Government, to justify its own war crimes against Yugoslavia, thereby manipulating world public opinion on its side against Milosevic. Its exactly what war criminal Ariel Sharon is doing to Palestinian freedom fighters and Hamas, telling the world that all he is doing is fighting for the security for Jews, while in reality, he is a terrorist in charge of the armed forces an intelligence operations of a fully-fledged, internationally recognized state. Palestinians are not forgotten the attrocities associated with Sharon in 1953 in Qibya or in 1982 in Sabra and Chatila. Israelis keep complaining as if they alone are the victims of an Arab Jihad. They overlook that their own arrogant Nazi type behavior ignited an uprising, that has become unstoppable. The entire world has now seen stone throwing Palestinian youths who are exposed to the latest array of modern US weapons in return, including rockets, helicopters, F-16's and life bullets.

The Israeli people brought back a man with a terrorist past. He had to leave the Israeli Army because he was found guilty of being responsible for mass murders in Palestinian refugee camps. Carla del Ponte desperately wants to bring Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic to The Hague. Why not Sharon? When CNN shows Colin Powell flanked at a pressconference in Washington by the Israeli Prime Minister and expresses satisfaction that Milosevic had been locked up in The Hague, he looks like a fool, because his honoured guest at his side is himself a first class war criminal.

The criminal behaviour against foreign leaders or nations around the world by the White House is by now so well documented, that one could fill up several Airbuses with outright proven US war criminals to be flown to the International Tribunal in The Hague. In the eyes of Washington, they now have the big trophy of Balkan communism behind bars. But according to Ramsey Clark, Milosevic was systematically de-

prived of his basic rights by this kangaroo court, which follows orders from the invisible government in Washington. Only American brains could have inspired Carla del Ponte to force Milosevic to receive his wife Mira Markovic via a telephone behind bulletproof glass.

But, America beware, it might be an uphill battle, but the demasqué of the liar who became a thief is in full progress. At last, people everywhere, are waking up to the notion as to who the real rogues are. If there were no Wild Bill Donovan boys on the loose, there would be no need for Osama bin Laden, de FARC in Columbia, a Hamas, a case like that of Mu- mia Aby-Jamal, or the blowing-up of Flight 103 of Pan Am in Scotland in reaction to the shooting down of an Iranian passenger airbus by the trigger happy captain of a US missile cruiser over international waters. In short, were there no American rogues we would all live in quite a different world. 12 september 2001. Yesterday, this brochure was ready to go to print. But then, September 11, four US passenger planes were hijacked. The World Trade Centre was flattened and the Pentagon severely damaged, two centres of evil in the eyes of Timothy McVeigh and his counter-revolutionary comrades. Some years ago Americans set up a horrific bomb blast in Oklahoma City, the first signal of resistance against the existing evil and terrorist forces of the United States of America, as described here before consisting of the Secret Team, the White House, the CIA, the Pentagon and violent criminals as the Donovan boys, multiplied by the worldwide influence and power of Wall Street.

While George Bush II spoke about the evil of human nature and ‘our freedom came under attack’ all eyes in the western part of the world turned to Afghanistan and the Saudi terrorist Osama bin Laden. But we witnessed yesterday an attack by Americans on America. McVeigh's execution by the state has been revenged by those who share his views - among others

- after what they lived through and saw what happened in Desert Storm and the continued illegal bombardments against Irak. It is a fact that Muslims around the world entertain similar views on the criminal behaviour of the American secret state. But the architecture of yesterdays war plan against the symbols of American evil in the world, has been the product of American brains, some of them former military men themselves, like McVeigh was. It will take some time before the picture of what happened yesterday will become clear. Washington is liable to take premature action in retaliation, as was done in the case of Sudan, when cruise missiles were fired at a factory, they said was working on biological warfare, and turned out to have been doing nothing of the sort.

Today, September 12, all western television stations agree, it is 99 per cent sure, Osama bin Laden was the devil who designed this plan of death and destruction in his bunker in Afghanistan. I disagree. The lies of Dallas in 1963 were repeated. The nation was told that JFK had been assassinated by one man, Lee Harvey Oswald. That's what the nation wanted to believe and no-one ever found the true perpetrators. The same trick was used after Oklahoma City, Timothy McVeigh had done it all by himself. Yes, he had a few obscure friends, but again, the nation went back to its beauty sleep.

Human Rights

The latest hoax in the arsenal of US dirty tricks is the sudden shift from the earlier crusade to destroy communism and promote freedom, democracy and a free market economy, towards a spirited drive for so-called universal human rights. The theme remains the same, like sending Stealth bombers to Yugoslavia to force Milosevic into submission, only the tune

has been changed. Clinton and Blair, acting as common hoodlums, initiated the Kosovo war to safeguard the credibility of NATO at the time of its fiftieth anniversary. They managed to hoodwink a majority of NATO parliamentarians in two continents to buy their lies. Massive terror and death were inflicted upon the Yugoslav people. To capture Manuel Noriega father Bush used thousands of soldiers in Panama to pick him up. By solely using air power Clinton managed to get Milosevic behind bars. In 1940, Hermann Göring forced Holland to surrender after a heavy bombardment of Rotterdam. Washington was equally self-congratulating about defeating the Serbs as Berlin was about the Dutch in 1940.

The inescapable result of dirty minds is that they produce fuzzy and criminal thinking. US and NATO policies on the Balkans have inflicted irreparable harm and damage on masses of innocent people. Hitler went here beserk during the forties. Hand in hand with the military industrial complex, Nazi Germany slided from bad to worse. The unchecked Donovan boys are turning evermore into a US version of the Waffen SS, which took the lead in the universal holocaust of World War II. Jews unfortunately tend to feel, that they alone suffered from the Nazis that went mad. The end of current Washington madness is not in sight. No doubt, more Kosovo's are on the way.

This report highlights some of the modus operandi which led America to the dubious status of Super Rogue of the 21st century. More and more Europeans are becoming aware of Washington realities and would prefer Brussels to turn eastward and instead build alliances with Eastern Europe and Russia. NATO is a relic based on realities dating back to Potsdam and the end of World War II, when Stalin loomed as a dark shadow over the western European peninsula. I reported from Moscow from 1971 to 1988 only to discover, that the USSR had never ever had the slightest intention of invading western Eu-

rope, as Washington and London were telling us. Western Europe was simply scared into fearing the worst from the Kremlin and Europeans were actually believing that the Russians were aiming at another European war. This was mainly a selfserving fabrication for the benefit of US military industrial complex and the expected corresponding rise of Wall Street Stocks. A nation, destroyed from the Ukraine to Stalingrad, rather then scheming for another military conflict, harboured different priorities in the nuclear age. We all fell for US scare tactics and massive anti-Soviet propaganda.

December 10, 1948, the UN passed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UD). The thirty articles in this covenant are a passport to a decent way of life for all. Washington was ready to ignore the agreed upon rules as long as the Cold War raged. Article 9, for instance, stipulates that arbitrary arrest, detention and exile are forbidden. The framers of this text should have added that to murder, kidnap or overthrow leaders of other member states ranks under the chapter of first class War Crimes. All US presidents since 1945 have engaged in such criminal activities, thereby making the outcry emanating from Washington concerning Milosevic, Castro, Sadam, Quadaffi, or Osama bin Laden perfectly ridiculous. Because, since World War II, Americans themselves have behaved as the worst terrorists in the business. Except all are afraid to call a spade a spade fearing the awesome US military and economic powers. Israel, America's closest ally, has been a steady partner in crime. Americans and Israelis think and act alike. Both nations live by the sword. US Christians and Israeli Jews feel their religious beliefs are a compass to a just world. A continuing armed pilgrimage to secure their worldwide interests seems permanent. Both nations feel they possess a God given right to use any means, including murder, assassination and terror of any kind to achieve their goals. Human rights do not figure in their policies.

When Christians embarked on the liberation of the Holy land during the 11th, 12th, and 13th centuries, they aimed at liberating Jerusalem inspite of the fact, that the city had been under Muslim control since the 7th century. Sharon is in charge of the holy city for now and there is no hope in sight for a peaceful resolution to existing religious obsessions on either side. Perhaps Marx was embarrassingly right when he said in 1844, the religion was 'the sigh of the oppressed creature, the feeling of a heartless world, just as it is the spirit of unspiritual conditions. It is the opium of the people.'

The 100.000 Christians marching on Constantinople in 1096 were led by Godfrey of Bouillon, Duke of Lower Lorraine. In Korea it was general Douglas Mac Arthur. In Vietnam William Westmoreland. In Kosovo Wesley Clark. They were the Dukes of Lower Lorraine of the day aiming at making the entire globe safe for the American way of life - and Wall Street, of course. The Dutch guilder is currently being annexed by the euro. What American Rogues really want is to annex the euro, rubble, yen, peso etcetera, to the dollar, transforming the world into a global Disneyland, where everybody happily chews gum, pays with dollars, speaks English and gets brainwashed by CNN.

At the same time, most Americans still want Fidel dead. Has- sidic Jews hope Sharon will kill all Arabs. The Islamic Jihad continues, because Palestinians demand total sovereignty on their soil of birth. Who would deny them this basic human right? It is far from certain that Saddam Hussein, and a few leaders like him, will allow bygones to be bygones. Israel continues a policy of selective assassination of Palestinian freedom fighters. Arabs blow themselves up causing an undetermined number of Israeli deaths to score a point. They insist on unconditional freedom. They can't do what Washington did, simply by dumping two atom-bombs on Japan to make the same point. Therefore, it looks as if mankind had better

fasten its seatbelt since more Mother-of-all-Battles have to be expected before eternal peace on earth will be archieved.

Will justice without borders ever reign on our planet? Will national sovereignty some day indeed make place for a global management? Washington insists on remaking the world to its image. It is the Donovan crusaders who have to establish a pure Pax Americana, and if need be use force and strong armed methods. They have begun to stretch US Justice to personages they consider criminals, wherever they are. Of course, their own war criminals are excluded from their imperialist games. Prosecutors in The Hague are merely chasing US enemies in a NATO Tribunal, based on NATO Justice rendered in a NATO country. How impartial can you get? Holland should not make its territory available for the cover-up of US crimes against humanity. Some day an Arab suicide bomber may use a semi nuclear device to blow up the Court in The Hague.

In the mean time, an interesting phenomenon is taking place in the realm of human rights. The UN covenant of 1948 (UD) had during the Cold War shown a split along an obvious divide. 'Capitalists were keen on civil and political rights,' reported the London *Economist* (August 18, 2001) 'Communists were keen on social and economic human rights.' The Chinese are reasoning along similar lines. This means, that since the Cold War belongs to another century, a large chunk of humanity does not share the US way of looking at and dealing with the world. Even prestigious human rights advocates such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch seem to be entertaining second thoughts on continued placing of accent on the civil and political rights of individuals. A subtle shift towards the International Covenant on Economic, social an Cultural Rights, also adopted in 1948, seems to be taking place. In 1998, the World Health Organization , for instance, asked for the recognition of health as a human right.

The Economist also singled out 'the oblivious Americans' for

their reject during a UN summit on AIDS, a rights-based approach to stopping the disease. ‘Washington sees AIDS purely as a health policy problem, or when pressed as one of national security.’ Of course, to guarantee people political rights is relatively cheap. To protect masses by Law in the area of economic and social rights is potentially enormously costly. Even Florida voters were shortchanged, in a way that corrupted the outcome of the election in 2000 and thus sabotaged the will of the people to the advantage of Republicans. US states lack funds to supply proper voting machines to impoverished neighborhoods, where the poor live and have trouble in understanding the procedures. Leonard Rubenstein of the lobby Physicians for Human Rights in Boston, predicts, ‘that as Americans start demanding human rights for others around the world, they will start pressing for them at home as well.’ Apart from pigheadedness about all international treaties, and George Bush junior's attitude towards global warming or missile defense, US conservatives insist, that the Government blocks the setting up of an International Criminal Court in The Hague for which the Dutch Government has already set aside a huge vacant plot. Life in America has become completely intertwined with threats and counter threats of legal steps to protect oneself against sharks luring from all sides at all the times, in an effort to find loopholes by which a few bucks can be cashed in. When i hired a literary agent in New York, I was strongly advised to consult another literary lawyer to check if the agent wasn't screwing me. Those were the moments when I realized why I preferred to live in New York on a green card and never took out US citizenship. But, I confess, Holland, where I now live again, is, in this respect, also following disastrously bad American habits. Although: with my publisher for the past ten years, I never signed a contract. All my publications were agreed upon in good faith, orally by mutual trust.

In America personal threats, blackmail, fearing lawsuits, seeking protection from crooks all around, is all accepted as part and parcel of trying to survive. This corrupting way of life has become totally infectious and is considered quite normal. When lawmakers in Washington use Mafia methods to pressure their government into fullfilling their wishes, they simply threaten the White House: 'You need 582 million dollars for the United-Nations, fine, but we will vote against it, unless you first veto plans for an International Criminal Court in The Hague.' The US as the wealthiest country in the world is one billion dollars behind in payments to the UN. Washington, in turn, plays blackmail with this debt to the wold organization.

Washington's Mafia behavior in this matter doesn't even end with the threat to the UN. New legislation is being introduced on Capitol Hill that exempts Americans from being prosecuted for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity by the new International Criminal Court. Bill Clinton reluctantly signed the US up. Yet, he knew, that the project would never be accepted by the US Senate. The newly designed legislation further stipulates that US military assistance will be cut off to any non-NATO nation, that joins the new Hague Tribunal. It would also prohibit US troops from serving in any UN peacekeeping forces, unless the Council first gives American soldiers immunity from the International Criminal Court's jurisdiction. The legislation even empowers the US president to use force to free us soldiers held for prosecution by this Court in The Hague.

Some Washington lawmakers are a danger to themselves, their country and the world. They seem to live with the absurd notion, that Bush junior would launch a paratrooper operation when - for instance - Henry Kissinger was to be arrested during a vacation on the spanish island of Ibiza, on the orders of a Spanish judge and was then to be brought to The

Hague International Court for War Crimes for sentencing. Would the junior Bush set the American Bismarck free by force?

As recently as December 1993, Bill Clinton decided to no longer recognize Article 13 (2) of the UN Charter, which states 'that everyone has the right to leave any country including is own and return to his country'. However, Resolution 194 was reaffirmed in the General Assembly by 127-2, with only the US and Israel opposed. Washington joined Tel Aviv in rejecting the second half of the sentence, 'and return to his country', because it would give Palestinians the right to return to their homeland. The charade, that Washington should be the 'honest broker' to assist in promoting peace in the Middle East is totally preposterous, because Washington is completely committed to Israel, just as it is fully siding with the Albanian UCK. Trouble spots - like Taiwan versus China, Kashmir versus India and Pakistan, Afghanistan versus the USSR, Cuba versus North America - are ongoing projects of the Donovan Boys, who thrive on conspiracy, murder, intrigue, and covert operations everywhere. They ARE the number one war criminals in the world. US gangsters have by their wits alone lived for half a century virtually unopposed. But the first signs are there. Mankind is at last discovering who the real evildoers are. Trigger happily as they are, they shot JFK and his brother. They created an inspiring repertoire of means and methods to get rid of numerous Americans, who were in the way. Worldwide they feel even more relaxed about putting their murderous computer games into practice.

And, while a nervous world awaits to see where they will strike next, in the Sandia national Laboratories in New Mexico, bright Donovan Boys are doing over time in the Intelligent systems and Robotics Center to invent tiny, highly maneuverable wheeled machines, that can do the jobs that until now were done by live Marines. The buggy like vehicle is

about a meter long and is called a Rattler, or a robotic all-terrain lunar exploration rover, originally developed by Sandia Laboratories for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The purpose is, for instance, that these machines can clean out a building held by enemy soldiers. The robots swarm out like ants and have guns that use gas. This way it does not matter if there are also women and children in the building. 'America's military,' wrote mark Williams and Andrew Madden in *Red Herring Magazine* (August 1, 2001), 'is the country's biggest business. According to the House Budget Committee, in 2000 defense expenditure represented 16 percent of discretionary federal spending.' This means, of course, so discreet and secret, that most Americans have no clue as to what their tax money is being spent on. 'It was big news,' wrote Williams and Madden, 'when George Bush junior said in a speech in February 2001, that he would challenge the military status quo by developing new technologies and by significantly increasing spending, for the current budget of no less than 300 billion.'

Billions of people everywhere start the 21st century with daily worries of where their next meal will come from. Many hundreds of millions of fellow men are unable to find work and barely survive in extreme poverty. They have hardly a future to look forward to, either for themselves or their loved ones. Yankees seem mostly oblivious to the despair of billions in a world they share. Developing nations owe hundreds of billions of dollars to Washington. The world's poor will never be able to meet their debts. The Club of Rome already warned in the seventies about limits to growth. Of course, everything is finite, from our very own lives to what the planet can offer in terms of food, water and resources. We must handle the earth with extreme care, particularly in view of future generations. Americans simply continue their merry ways having no idea about the plight of peoples everywhere. There is no

more appropriate way to demonstrate the prevailing madness among Ugly Americans, than to conclude this report by what Washington considers absolute priorities. I am quoting the figures (in million dollars) from the US Department of Defense budget only concerning money allocated for research in advanced technology and development for the year 2001.

Pentagon information technology development	94.2
Space-based lasers	74.5
Global combat support system	72.0
Line of site anti tank weapons	26,8
Advanced tank armament system	118,1
Aircraft Avionics	42.3
Advanced development op weapons and munitions	28.7
Artillery systems	20.1
Other missile product improvement programs	64.4
Night vision systems advanced development	11.0
Distributive interactive simulations	20.7
Landmine warfare barrier	22.8
Air defense command, control and intelligence	16,5
Command, control, communication systems	49.3
SCAMP Block II satellite data transmission terminal	30.3
Aerospace propulsion subsystems integration	34.4
Joint tactical radio	62.2
Technical information activities	26.7
Flight vehicle technology integration	13.2
Advanced aerospace systems	26.8
Space and missile rocket propulsion	24.3
Combat feeding, clothing and equipment	86.3
Marine technology	30.3

Land warfare technology	134.2
Line-of-sight technology	50.7
Artillery systems	355.3
Comanche helicopter	614.0
Logistic systems technology	13.9
Classified defense advanced research projects	101.4

This Pentagon list underscores a warning Lord Chalfont, former British Minister of Defense, sounded during an interview I had in London with him. 'It is clearly unavoidable,' he said, 'to continuously invent new weapon systems and not put them to the test sooner of later.' Of course, this is what the invisible government has been doing all along, like recently in Iraq, Yugoslavia, Sudan, Afghanistan and Columbia. Which nation and people will serve as the next Guinea-pigs for the computer playing generals in Washington?

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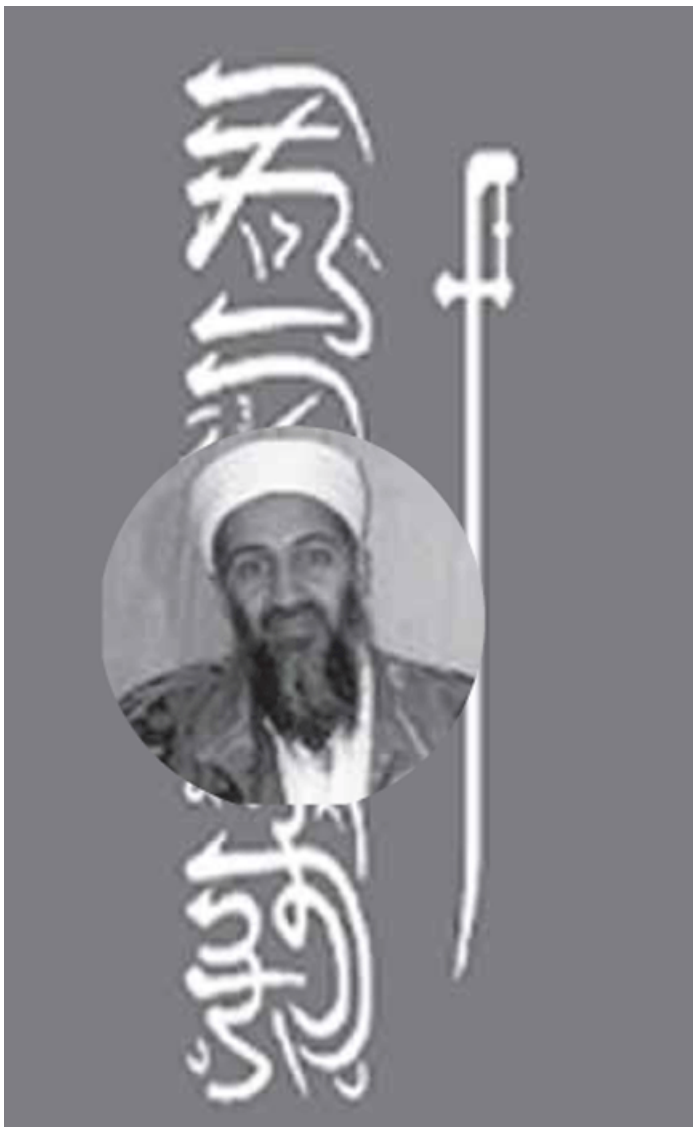
Not Guilty



On April 19, 1995, a former Gulf War soldier, Timothy McVeigh (27) drove a fertiliser truck loaded with explosives to the Alfred O. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City and blew it up. The blast killed 168 people, including 19 children. Five hundred persons were injured. All Americans and the world knew at the time that this worst homemade disaster in US history was carried out by Americans in the very heartland of their own nation.

McVeigh referred to the dead kids as ‘collateral damage’. He echoed only what all US presidents, since Harry S. Truman had taught Americans. The 88.000 dead people in Hiroshima in 1945 had been a necessary kill. The Japanese had it coming. They choose to pick a fight and attacked Pearl Harbour. Nations that hurt US pride and trespass on US sovereignty can expect to be smoked out, as George Bush calls the intent to mass murder. Afghanistan, one of the poorest nations in Asia, a country that already has known 23 years of military conflict, is at the time of this writing being carpet bombed by American heroes, causing ever more ‘collateral damage’. Afghans had it coming. No-one will be allowed to make a laughingstock of the United States, let alone Afghanistani's, who harbour the world's number one terrorist, Osama bin Laden (44).

And why is the saudi millionaire considered by the entire world the greatest criminal the world has ever known? Because Washington has said so, without offering a shred of evidence. The 09-11 disaster was so horrific and the desire to catch the culprits so urgent, that people seemed willing to accept any lie. They were led to believe as the gospel truth, that Osama, and nobody else, had been the mastermind, that instructed 19 Muslim kidnappers to hijack four passenger jets and fly them September 11, 2001 into the twin towers of the World Trade Centre as well as the Pentagon.

Over the past half century every single US president built himself a unique reputation for consistently lying about almost

everything, from the war in Southeast Asia, that caused millions of civilian deaths - and the worst collateral damage in all of history - to the present war in Afghanistan. One was such a pathological liar, that he was chased out of the White House altogether. A second only barely escaped being impeached after lying under oath. He is now being prevented practising law for five years. Until this day the truth about the assassination of JFK has never been told. Americans are notoriously gullible by nature. They gladly accepted the deception, that Lee Harvey Oswald committed the horrendous crime by himself. All of America and part of the world went along very much wanting to believe, that Washington was telling the truth. Therefore, they bought the concoction, that one lunatic ex-Marine murdered the president from a window in a building on a Dallas street. Yet, the Zapruder film of the assassination clearly showed that bullets hit JFK from two sides. The Oswald lie persists in the minds of too many till this very day.

I worked at the time as a journalist in the US and following the very first reports from Dallas. The super terrorist of that decade, Fidel Castro, was first accused of having engineered the death of JFK. In reality, it had been Kennedy and the White House that had sought help, even from the Mafia, to have Castro bumped off. Nevertheless, the nation was being told, Castro had sought revenge and had arranged for Oswald to murder the president.

In our day we belatedly learned, that already some years ago Bill Clinton ordered the murder of Osama bin Laden, without much success. George Bush and the top lieutenants he inherited from his father, the former CIA boss, has decided to show Democrats and the world how these matters must be dealt with. Since World War II American presidents have been in the international political murder business of prominent foreigners, they knew nothing about, did not understand, but that were considered dangerous in relation to US imperial designs.

Oliver Stone made a heroic effort to trace additional facts surrounding the most sensational homemade terrorist act of the 20th century. He endeavoured to kill the naïf acceptance of Oswald as lonely assassin and fool. He was massively attacked by media Mongols for trying. The days of McCarthyism came to mind the way he was being accused of anti-patriotism, daring to doubt the official story about what had really happened on November 22, 1963. All Stone had tried to do is to decode some of the nonsense Washington had tried to pull over the public. However, since the film JFK was released in 1992, his reputation went steadily from bad to worse. It became increasingly more complicated for him to raise funds for new motion pictures. The a priori non-believers in conspiracy theories had their revenge.

In 1995, the Oklahoma City explosion was first presented to the public as a terrible crime against the United States by Arab terrorists. In 1993, with the first attack on the World Trade Centre, several Arab terrorists had been arrested. Muslims were the most likely perpetrators. Osama bin Laden was not mentioned those days as an implacable enemy. He was still being looked upon as a friend of Washington. He had joined the Afghan resistance against the Soviet invasion in 1981, and the CIA had been helping the Mujahideen against Moscow, including bin Laden.

But pointing fingers at Muslims again disappeared quickly from the headlines, when Timothy McVeigh was arrested and confessed. He kept his oath to his comrades, that if caught, he had acted alone. This actually made him the first US suicide bomber.

Again, Washington ran another whitewash story, that a crazy veteran had committed all by himself, just like Lee Harvey Oswald, a horrendous crime. Naivety is undoubtedly a charming childlike characteristic, but it shows a dismal lack of sophistication and mental maturity on the part of American adults,

that such nonsense was widely accepted as the gospel truth of what actually happened, both in Dallas in 1963 and Oklahoma City in 1995. Of course, America was again in deep shock. Bill and Hillary flew down to console the next of kin and join in tearful televised ceremonies of remembrance. *Time* published Timothy's face in colour on the cover of a special report on the disaster, titled, 'The Face of Terror'. Till 1995, no one had dared to entertain the thought, that one-day American terrorists were capable of targeting fellow Americans. Yes, bullets were fired at presidents Ford and Reagan, but deranged individuals had carried out those assassination attempts. Robert Kennedy was shot by an Arab by the name of Sirhan Sirhan. But this time, Oklahoma City definitely was an all American mass killing. No one was prepared to contemplate the possibility of the emergence of an armed resistance made-in-USA against Washington. The McVeigh affair carried the hallmark of the beginning of a second civil war.

The arrest of a former US sergeant prevented the Government from immediately blaming leaders of rogue states, like Castro, Qadaffi, Saddam or Milosevic, for the Oklahoma tragedy. Then, Americans could have let of steam, as they have been doing for half a century, by quickly sending bombers over Tripoli, Baghdad and Belgrade, or tighten the noose around Cuba even more. In the case of Oklahoma City the US had to try to put the best face on this attack by Americans on America. Why did the media treat this unique event as an isolated case somehow suggesting it would never be repeated? Could the destruction of the Alfred O. Murrah Building have been a rehearsal by US terrorists for larger events to come?

Truck-bombs have become popular in all parts of the world. In the United States the trucking industry loses yearly 12 billion dollars of cargo to crooks, who attack drivers when they nap or refuel. No less than 500.000 shipments of commercial explosives cross the country every year along speedways. It vir-

tually amounts to an open invitation to US terrorists in the McVeigh bracket, to kidnap some of this material for further acts of defiance against the Washington regime.

It should be remembered, that opposition to what is perceived in circles of military personnel, as criminal US policies overseas, dates back to the Vietnam War, when it became a practice for US soldiers to simply shoot officers who issued criminal orders to the troops. Perhaps, saigon fell as long ago as April 30, 1975. Nevertheless, the South-east Asian bloodbath between 1960 and 1975 haunts many Americans till this day. Robert S. McNamara, the Rumsfeld of JFK and LBJ, published *In Retrospect* (Random House, 1995), in an effort to teach following generations why not to become involved in Asian wars. It should have been compulsory reading for the Bush (junior) White House. The US initial reasoning in Vietnam was, as expressed by the then Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, that Hanoi would reach a point unwilling to make further terrible sacrifices. All indications are that the 2001 White House is repeating the same miscalculation. The North lost 1.1 million men, against 58.000 dead Americans. Nobody knows how many Vietnamese soldiers or civilians died in the former Indo-China as a result of the US imposed war. Ho Chi-minh won. Vietnamese remember America as a paper tiger. McNamara concluded twenty years after the humiliation in Saigon, 'We were wrong, terribly wrong.' He wrote, 'We misjudged then - as we have since - the geopolitical intentions of our adversaries.' In the sixties Washington faced North Vietnam and the Vietcong, supported by China and the USSR. In the zero years of this century, Washington can only guess where its opponents are. Bush is fighting an elusive Pimpernel in the mountains of Afghanistan, who seems just as determined as the Vietcong were in the sixties, even more so. And, this time, the first serious adversary in the 21st century is not an Asian follower of Marx, but a fundamentalist pupil of Mohammed.

When on February 26, 1993, the first devastating attack ever on US soil occurred at the WTC in New York, with five deaths, 1.000 people injured and tens of millions of dollars damage, America was in shock. The country wondered how to respond. US investigators were suspecting the obese and blind sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman (55) of the crime committed against the twin towers. US and Egyptian intelligence were searching for a decade to find proof that the sheik was the architect of the assassination of President Anwar sadat of Egypt. But did anybody in Washington learn a lesson from the Muslim wake-up call in New York city seven years ago?

Inspite of the more than thousand year's rift between Sunni and shia Islam, it was clear after the Gulf War, that Muslims everywhere shared a common rage against US behaviour worldwide. A combined force of Western nations, supported by Arab traitor regimes, had bombed Iraq into submission. Zionist Israel in our days, even led by a certified war criminal, Ariel Sharon, continued to illegally keeping Muslims under control by force with American donated modern arms. When fundamentalists were posed to win a democratic election in Algeria, they were prevented from coming to power by an American led initiative. Muslims finally concluded, that America and the West don't give a damn about what happens to the aspirations of one billion Muslims in this world.

They are by now convinced, that the American and Israeli governments conspire against them. In United Nations conference halls the US and Israel have been voting as blood brothers for decades. Washington and Tel Aviv continuously faced in tandem the entire world in matters concerning Palestina. Every single resolution aimed at giving more breathing space to Palestinians was either vetoed or ignored by them. Arabs driven from their lands by the creation of a state for Jews that had been haunted by Nazis, not by Arabs, were never fairly compensated for taking away their freedom, their

land and their dignity. On the contrary, Israelis provocatively continue to construct settlements amidst towns and lands, where Muslims live.

Israel behaves versus its second class Arab citizens as Pretoria used to deal with the black majority within the borders of South Africa. Except Israel by now perfected state terrorism against the Muslim majority, with total military and financial support of the United States. That is what Osama bin Laden has been talking about. That is what most Muslims in the world feel. The loss of life of one single American or one single Jew is viewed in Washington or Tel Aviv as justifying the use of the full weight of the armed forces of these two countries to obliterate all Arab opposition to their dictate. The loss of one single Israeli life unleashes a barrage of tank fire and helicopter rockets on a defenceless Muslim population in a revenge attack by Israeli apartheid policies.

The bombing in the World Trade Centre underground garage in 1993 was naturally blamed on Muslim terrorists, who were paying America back for their blind support of Israel. However, Priscilla Painton offered in Newsweek an entirely different view. She wrote, that the WTC bombing might well have been the work of none other 'than a psychotic, mad-as-hell American - a live version of a Hollywood revenge fantasy.' What if her supposition contained a grain of truth?

No less than 19 known terror organisations called in, that they had been guilty of placing the explosives. There was a Balkan connection from the Serbian Liberation Front, and another from Croatian Militants. Followed by a group of Bosnian Muslims. There were also calls from Hamas in the Palestinian no man's land between Israel and Lebanon. Of course, US authorities stressed that the explosives could have been placed by Iranese, Iraqese, Syrian, Algerian or Lybian Muslim terrorists. Bin Laden or Al Queda were not, as yet, in the picture. However, some journalists began to investigate American hate

groups, and armed militants, who were setting up camps to train volunteers for the overthrow of the US Government.

Two years later, in 1995, after the destruction of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, followed by the price catch of an all American terrorist, Timothy McVeigh, US magazines began to report on a fascinating array of US hate groups ready to blow up the White House. All of a sudden lists of sometimes even armed underground resistance groups were named, for instance in Time.

In Blackfoot, Idaho Samuel Sherwood leads the United States Militia Association. He announced, 'civil war could be coming, and with it the need to shoot Idaho legislators.' In Phoenix, Arizona, *Time* identified a group calling itself 'Police against the New World Order'. The leader, Jack McLamb, himself a policeman, publishes the *Aid & Abet Police News Letter* and directs a weekly radio program from his house.

In Boulder, Colorado are the headquarters of an armed group called 'Guardians of American Liberties' led by Stewart Webb. They describe themselves as a network of US citizens, formed to ensure the government is free of corruption and to safeguard the US Constitution. MOM is one of the most extreme and visible militias. Chairman is John Trochmann in Noxon, Montana. Citizens should form armed militias to protect themselves. MOM distributes books, tapes and videos with its message. In Texas the Constitutional Militia was formed by Jon Roland, who maintains, he penetrated the government's electronic intelligence systems.

In Harbor springs, Michigan we find the Michigan Militia Corps led by a Baptist minister, Norman Olson. He claims to be 12.000 strong. These citizens seriously believe that the United Nations are aiming to lead the united states into a socialist world government. In stuart, Florida, Robert Pummer founded the Florida State Militia on the slogan 'Buy Ammo now, you will not be able to get it later.' Pummer issued a handbook

explaining that members of this group are totally fed up with drugs, crime, violence and bloodshed in America. So, they buy ammunition to defend US freedom and principles with live bullets.

Lawyer Linda Thompson in Indianapolis, Indiana founded the American Justice Federation dedicated ‘to stop the New World Order and getting the truth out to the public.’ Linda is calling for a fully armed march on Washington and the setting up of treason trials for congressional traitors. In New Hampshire a small Constitution Defence Militia was founded by Edward Brown. The group operates undercover and is opposed to the Federal Government, to the United Nations and to gun control. In Virginia, James Roy Mullins started the Blue Ridge Hunt Club. He, and some of his members, were already arrested for possessing short barrelled rifles and unregistered silencers. This organisation fully arms its members in preparation for war with the government.

Albert Esposito runs in Monroe, North Carolina the Citizens for the Reinstatement of Constitutional Government. Their motto: amass the four B's, meaning Bibles, Bullets, Beans and Bandages. In Kamiah, Idaho, Bo Gritz set up an armed commune. Also in Idaho, near Hayden Lake, the Aryan Nations White Supremacists organised themselves headed by the reverend Richard Butler. There are dozens of additional dangerous zealots on the loose in America, organised in neo-Nazi groups, tax protesters, home schoolers, Christian fundamentalists and well-versed Constitutionalists.

There are people in the United States, bound by fear and fervent paranoia, who actually believe, that Russian fighter jets are standing by in Biloxi, Mississippi. They signalled frequent flyovers by black painted helicopters that prepare for an imminent invasion by armies in favour of a one-world government. Stickers on interstate US highways are coded and already in place to direct the coming invading armies. ‘All nonsense’,

says Tom Metzger, as reported in *Time* (May 8, 1995), who broke with the Ku Klux Klan and founded in 1980 the White Aryan Resistance. 'We have got ten million Mexicans flooding into this country, and the militias are worried about black painted helicopters.' Perhaps, it is too soon after 09-11 to investigate what effect the destruction of the WTC and part of the Pentagon has had on neurotic super patriots, white supremacists, armed militias and other crazy US individuals, that seem to suffer from collective delusions and who entertain absurd visions of what is really happening in America and the world.

'It's psychological warfare,' said Los Angeles psychiatrist, dr. Calvin Frederick to Sharon Begley of *Newsweek*. 'The target of the terrorists is not the terrible number of deaths and injuries. It is to disrupt the rest of the nation by shredding our collective sense of security.' 'There will be a massive wave of post-traumatic-stress disorder among survivors, and among the family of survivors and the victims.' Indeed, when I travelled to Manhattan two weeks after 09-11, a city I had known since 1948 and had lived in from 1958-1992, it seemed collectively depressed. This eerie feeling of confusion, having lived for so long in the US was unrecognisable to me. Never before had I seen Americans in such a low-key mood.

The nation's collective psyche was already seriously affected by the first blast at the WTC on February 26, 1993. That first major terrorist attack on the United States was immediately associated with Muslims. Masjid al Salam tried later to cash in a damage deposit on the rent-a-truck which exploded in the underground parking. He was promptly arrested and tried. Another serious suspect was Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman (55), who had supposedly been involved with the killing of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, even though intelligence services were unable to establish his guilt. He told *Newsweek*, that the West hated him, because he criticised Washington for its sup-

port of Israel and bloody interventions in Iraq, and Somalia. The Sheik was a forerunner of Osama bin Laden.

The 12:18 hour's blast on the second underground parking level of the WTC produced a deafening explosion. Government agencies went on Code Red. The FBI and CIA were mobilised to the highest state of readiness. The CIA Counter Terrorist Centre assembled a conglomerate of psychiatrists, explosives experts and hostage negotiators. The bomb blew out a crater of 30 meters by 60 meters.

Richard Lacayo wrote in *Time,* 'Floors collapsed onto one another... the 110 story Twin Towers swayed visibly as the force of the blast shuddered upward. Fires quickly broke out, launching thick, acrid smoke up hundreds of stairwells and elevator banks. In both towers the electricity went out, including emergency back-up systems. All computers in the building shut down, then all the phone shut down.' That was 1993. In the 1970s, CIA director Admiral Bobby Inman identified the WTC Twin Towers as a possible top priority target for terrorists. Why? 'Because of the number of victims, who would be involved,' he replied. When in 2001, terrorists initiated a second try, and flew two jet airliners into the WTC, they finished a job that had begun eight years ago, US media proclaimed, that America had lost its innocence. Harvard psychologist, Carolyn Newberger said, 'We as a country have been living as though the catastrophes in the rest of the world don't apply to us, disaster doesn't happen on our soil. But from now on, we can no longer deny that we are vulnerable.'

Dr. Dan Creson of the Texas University Medical School added, 'I think it's important psychologically to feel like something is being done. Otherwise it adds to a feeling of helplessness.' Psychiatrist Bennett Leventhal of the University of Chicago concurred. 'Helpless is not a word Americans like to apply to themselves. However, America's sense of who we are has been challenged in a very serious way.' Those professional state-

ments by America's mind doctors do explain to some extent, why George Bush and the present rulers of the United States in the White House have decided that for the time being the best option is ‘to do something’ and to try and regain a sense of security. At first, pilotless cruise missiles were used by Bush Jr. in response to the kamikaze flights aimed at the US, followed by the unleashing of the entire arsenal of US attack planes and heavy bombers over Afghanistan. It was the unmitigated work of desperados. Without a shred of evidence, that Afghanistan or the Taliban were guilty, Washington is adding another horrific war crime to a long list of military interventions since 1945.

To expect the manager of a Houston baseball team to become an overnight statesman capable of handling a crisis like 09-11 is silly. During the election campaign in 2000, the son of Bush I regularly demonstrated his ignorance of world affairs to the embarrassment of the Republican Party. Not only was he unaware of the major trouble spots or where they were located on the map, but he was also unable to hide unfamiliarity with the names of who the principle actors involved in the ongoing world drama sometimes mistakenly dubbed ‘a clash of civilisations’. Only when he reached the White House did junior Bush learn about Afghanistan and Osama bin Laden.

After stealing the election in the euphoria of a free democracy and the worst electoral scandal in US history, which totally corrupted the ideal of one man one vote, ex spy master Papa Bush installed all his old cronies from the 1991 Gulf War next to the throne of his eldest son. Sure enough, another world conflict was soon in the offing. The present confrontation between East and West is first and foremost ‘a clash of the neurons’, because in this contest, the more intelligent brains will be victorious.

In every human skull, including those of the current protagonists, Osama bin Laden and George II, house ten thousand

million nerve cells or neurons, which are operating as information processors. They are coded by life experiences. Bush is the rich kid from Houston, Texas. Bin Laden the rich kid from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Try to imagine the difference of input into their respective brains.

Bush went to Harvard and Yale, entered the petroleum business with the sheiks and royalty of the Middle East, those notorious pro US Quislings, who sell out the riches of the East to the nouveau riches of the West, just as the Bushes, Cheney's, Rumsfelds and their cronies. George II made enough of a mess of trying to become an oil tycoon, that the family bought him a baseballteam hoping he would for ever after keep quiet. However, in 2001 the Bush clique engineered their crown prince into the White House in a desperate effort to regain what was lost when Clinton and Gore won the 1991 Presidential election. George II, the prince Charles of Houston, entered the American version of Buckingham Palace and now decides on matters of War and Peace.

Osama (44) studied management and economics at King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah and was all set to join his father's construction company that worked closely with the royals too. In 1973, the company was asked to rebuild and refurbish the two most holy shrines in the Muslim world. Young Osama became during this restoration works spiritually inspired by Islam. It was the Yom Kippur War (1973), when Egypt and Syria attacked Israel, and were defeated, that the young Saudi drew further into the direction of what he perceived as an ultimate goal, the restoration of Arab independence and honour. The oil embargo against the West followed, while in 1975 King Faisal was assassinated.

For a number of young Saudis, including Osama, the seventies were a turning point. ‘The shock of the assassination brought home the real and communal ramifications of the Westernisation of the Saudi educated and affluent youths

sending many back into the fold of Islamism,' wrote Yossef Boudansky in *Bin Laden: The man who declared war on America.* (Random House, New York, 1999). Boudansky is a military analyst in Washington and director of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and unconventional Warfare in Washington.

In fact, this American writer produced a lucid and sometimes even flattering account of bin Laden's gradual evolution towards placing himself in direct confrontation with the rich kid from Texas. When the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1980, bin Laden was among the first Arabs, who dashed down to Kabul to offer assistance. The Saudi Court, realising the direction which Osama's mind was taking, called the young civil engineer to the palace. King Fahd personally offered him the construction job to expanding the Prophet's Mosque at Medina. Bin Laden would have received a personal fee of ninety million dollars. He refused. Instead he succeeded in convincing King Fahd, Crown Prince Abdallah, Prince Turki, the Chief of Saudi Intelligence, and other high officials, to do more to support the Mujahideen, who were fighting the Soviets. And he went straight back to the East.

Boudansky wrote: 'Mujahideen who served with him described him as fearless and oblivious to danger. He was a hero to us because he was always on the front line, moving ahead of everyone else... He not only gave his money, but he also gave himself. He came down from his palace to live with the Afghan peasants and the Arab fighters. He cooked with them, ate with them, dug trenches with them. That was bin Laden's way.' The other rich kid is spending his weekends flying by helicopter to Camp David ordering his pilots in the East to search for the Afghan caves and target his opponent with the latest laser guided US missile weaponry.

Most people know as much about the business of their own nervous system, as most automobile drivers understand the

combustion process of the engines in their motor vehicles. Bush' world-wide war against terrorism will go down in history as a head on collision of nervous systems derailing into a mortal struggle between devout Muslims and western crusaders for freedom and democracy. The bin Ladenites sees the Bushites as immoral murderous infidels who are turning the world into a never-ending string of gambling casinos, brothels, and hamburger stands. The 21st century locks mankind in a life and death battle between God and Satan as seen from Afghan mountains.

The neurons of simpletons like Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Powell keep telling them that what is good for the United States is good for mankind. Ever since 1945, US foreign policy has been based on the self-serving, egotistical concept of two main streams of influence: Good, the US and partners, and Evil, formerly the Soviet Union, lately the Taliban, and the latest arrival of super criminal, Osama bin Laden.

During the second half of the 20th century Washington unilaterally declared a long list of popular foreign leaders as evil rogues, thus assigning the god given right to Washington to do as they pleased with them. Considered evil boys were Castro, Lumumba, Sukarno, Sihanouk, Bhutto, Ortega, Noriega, Allende, Nasser, Qadaffi, Saddam, Assad, Milosevic and dozens of other naughty ones, whose nations were bombed or blockaded, or both. In other cases foreign leaders were directly assassinated on the CIA murder assembly line. Some were hacked to pieces. Others were overthrown by CIA coups d'état, exiled for life, or replaced by fascist CIA Quislings, who murdered and terrorised their peoples in the same way as Hitler had ordered his underlings to do in the occupied territories, like my own country, Holland. Suharto, Mobutu and Pinochet are foremost examples of how the CIA installed pathological murderers to terrorise Asians, Africans and Latinos, while receiving advise from Henry Kissinger and the likes, to set up Hitler style concentration camps in Chilli and Indonesia.

All efforts by their successors to bring Suharto or Pinochet to trial failed. The CIA guarantees its stooges lifelong protection. Milosevic, a man who is incomparably less guilty of war crimes than either Pinochet or Suharto, is sweating it out in a jail in The Hague to be judged by the so-called UN Tribunal for war criminals, which in fact is nothing more than a NATO instituted Kangeroo court.

Bush steadfastly discusses with the US public on television the War on Terrorism in terms of good and evil. In 1885, Friederich Nietzsche devoted one of his major essays, *Beyond Good and Evil,* (Henry Regnery Publishers, Chicago, 1955) to the subject. The most famous of German philosophers concluded a century ago, that these notions had become so worn-out, their real meaning was no longer distinguishable with the naked eye. The Texas oil chic never heard of Nietzsche either.

The discussion of who are the evil terrorists and who are the good defenders of freedom and democracy is as old as the story in the *Old Testament* of Methuselah, who is said to have died in the year of the Flood at the age of 969. During the apartheid struggle in South Africa, Pretoria accused the ANC of being terrorists. Nevertheless, at the end of the day Nelson Mandela became an international idol of a true freedom fighter.

During World War II, at 17, I joined the underground liberation force. Owing to the overwhelming superiority of Nazi military power, there was not much we could do, except to blow up buildings that were important to the Nazis. I carried explosives on my bike through German checkpoints and felt I was fighting evil for our liberation. Of course, the Germans called us terrorists. The Bushites and the Blairites now accuse Al Queda and bin Laden of being terrorists. But they too are genuine freedom fighters. How to fight an omnipotent superpower otherwise than by guerrilla warfare?

US Attorney General, John Ashcroft summed up the world's terrorist network, including Al Queda. In November 2001 he came up with names of 46 international organisations.

Al-Itihaad al-Isimaiya (which aims at a hard line Islamic state in Somalia.)
Al-Rasheed Trust in Pakistan (supplies jihad fighters with food and medicine)
Al-Wafa (Saudi group sends wood en medicines to Afghanistan)
Asbat Al Ansar (Lebanon, Militant Sunni Islamic Group)
Darkazanli Export-Import Company (Germany: believed to be linked to bin Laden)
Salafist Group for Call and Combat (Algeria)
Islamic Army of Aden (Yemen, claims to have attacked the USS Cole)
Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (linked to Al Queda) Makhtab al-Khidamat (Pakistan, founded by bin Laden to recruit fighters against the USSR)
Al-Hamati Sweet Bakeries (Yemen: a chain of honey shops, but the CIA suspects that it is used by Al Queda to smuggle cash)
Al-Nur Honey Centre (Yemen, same organisation)
Al-Shifa Honey Press for Industry and Commerce (Yemen, same organisation)
Army of Mohammed (Pakistan, linked tot the Taliban aiming for the liberation of Kashmir)
Amiyat al-Taawon (Afghanistan)
Rabita Trust (Pakistan, to resettle refugees).

Ashcroft also identified the following terrorist groups:

Alex Boncayao Brigade (Philippines: communist militia aiming to overthrow the Government)
Army for the Liberation of Rwanda
Irish Republican Army
First of October
Anti Fascist Resistance Group (Spain)

Lashkar-E-Tayyiba (Pakistan: Sunni anti-US organisation fighting in Kashmir)
Loyalist Volunteer Force (Ireland)
New People's Army (Philippines)
Orange Volunteers (Northern Ireland)
People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (terror campaign against US targets in South Africa)
Red Hand Defenders (Northern Ireland)
Revolutionary United Front (Sierra Leone)
Moro Islamic Liberation Front (Philippines)
Free Aceh Movement (Indonesia)
Al-Maunah (Malaysia)
Jerusalem Warriors (Iran)
Palestinian Hezbollah
Umar al Mukhtar Forces (Libya)
Martyrs of al-Aqsav (linked to Hezbollah)
Salahai-Din Battalions (Palestinian group)
Movement for the struggle of the Jordanian Resistance
Holy Warriors of Ahmed Daqamseh (Jordan)
Muhammed's Army (Yemen)
Islamic Deterrence Force (linked to attack on USS Cole)
Black Star (no information)
Jayshullah (no information)
Islamic Reneweal and Reform Organisation (no information).

When the Minister of Justice in Washington hands the world an official release detailing such an elaborate menu of terror organisations, who all could have been involved in the 09-11 bombings in the US, then why did the morons, that make up the Bush II Government, pick just one of them? They did so, because they fear Al Queda and Osama bin Laden, the man with the long beard in the Afghan mountains, the most. They understand him least, because his brain is far superior to Bush,

Cheney, Powell and Rumsfeld together and especially when it comes to the expertise of what is happening in the Muslim world. Osama has been in this battle since 1979. Step by step the rich kid from Riyadh began to understand what really was at stake. He turned into a deadly threat to US oil interests in the Middle East, of which the Bushites and their partners are among America's prime movers. If Saudi Arabia goes the oil dominoes will fall one by one.

Osama's principal goal in the ongoing struggle is to destroy the current status quo by which quasi royal families in a string of Arab nations behave as imperialist puppets for the White House and Wall Street, just as in Saudi Arabia a clique of 7.000 princes fill their pockets at the expense of the people.

The difference between bin Laden and Ayatollah Khomeini is, that the fascist regime of the pro American Shah of Iran was brought down to establish a fundamentalist Islamic state instead. Bin Laden's mission is not primarily geared to establish Arab fundamentalism in the region. He seems closer to reformers like Castro, Saddam and Qadaffi. Furthermore, he too belongs to the wealthy upper class of Saudis. Originally, Osama was a social reformer, while sticking to the strict tenets of Islam to obtain his ultimate goal, namely to evict America from Saudi Arabia and consequently from the Middle East.

Studying Bin Laden's life brings back memories of the Argentinean medical doctor, Che Guevarra, who joined Fidel in the mountains of Cuba and liberated the country from US overlordship and material exploitation. Che was an idealist with the same quality of intelligence as Osama, but unfortunately he did not have a penny to his name. He fought a guerrilla war in Congo and in Bolivia and was hunted down by the CIA and killed.

Washington mistakenly assumes they are up against the same type of rebel with a cause. The entire military power of the US was mobilised to destroy this one man. And, Bush boasted si-

multaneously, that after Al Queda he will eliminate the other 46 terrorist organisations force of arms as well. It only goes to show what an idiot junior Bush is, because he pathetically committed himself with a cavalcade of big words and empty promises to a clearly impossible task.

In 1954 President Dwight Eisenhower was handed a topsecret report by the intelligence services. It said, 'We are facing an implacable enemy (the USSR). There are no rules in such a game. Hitherto acceptable norms of human conduct do not apply. The nation must destroy our enemies by cleverer, more sophisticated and more effective methods than those used against us. US citizens must come to understand and support this fundamentally repugnant philosophy.'

Tim Weiner had referred to this disgusting document in *The New York Times* less then four weeks prior to 09-11. It goes to show that facts about what really happened usually surface in free democracies half a century after the event. God only knows what today's intelligence reports are advising this amateur president who must depend on his staff, because he is a total ignoramus as to what goes on in the world. Future generations will know more about what really happened after 2050. Eisenhower was strongly advised to approve assassinations of foreign leaders, like Castro and Lumumba and to allow covert military invasions and secret murderous operations in other lands, directly in violation of the US signature under the Charter of the United Nations. In short: America entered the terrain of rogue state behaviour as early as the fifties, half a century ago.

What have we read as recently as October 29, 2001 in a report by Barton Gellman in *The Washington Post*? 'Armed with new authority from President George W. Bush for a global campaign against the Al Queda terrorist network, the Central Intelligence Agency is contemplating clandestine missions expressly aimed at killing specified individuals for the first time

since the assassination scandals and consequent legal restraints of the 1970s.' Gellman obtained two classified legal memorandums, one written for Bill Clinton in 1998, the other after the 09-11 affair, on the basis of which President Bush concluded, that executive orders banning assassination do not prevent the president from lawfully singling out a terrorist for death by covert US military action.

Washington is back in the open with the covert assassination business, upholding the long time accusation by Noam Chomsky of MIT, that America is indeed the sole Super Rogue Power in the world. If any other world leader - with the exception of the Chinese and the Russians, whose military power still represents an immediate threat to the US - would dare to put out a similar announcement, his country would be immediately placed into quarantine, the US fleet would appear on his coast and squadrons of B-52s would fly over to make him change his mind. The 21st century shows a picture of an entire globe filled with anxious freedom fighters everywhere, opposing Washington's imperialism and unchallenged super power status. The ongoing wars of liberation do recall the underground resistance during World War II against Nazi hegemony. But we did not consider guerrilla warfare terrorism. Far from it. We felt like bin Ladenites. Our sense of freedom and patriotism guided us through the years of occupation by the Nazis. There was no other way in the face of German superior firepower, than to use dynamite for revenge.

Gellman indicated in *The Washington Post* that president Clinton had in 1998 already authorised a covert lethal force to be used against Al Queda. Bin Laden must have been aware of these White House orders to kill him. Based on a more encompassing intelligence finding, Bush signed October 21, 2001 an approval for all out attack on bin Laden and his network. This followed the official accusation, that 09-11 had been the work of Saudi freedom fighters, misnamed by Wash-

ington as terrorists. The paper added an interesting insight as well. 'The public face of the ongoing campaign is a conventional war in Afghanistan using uniformed troops.' Yet, inside the CIA and elsewhere in government, covert actions are planned and co-ordinated for a targeted killing campaign. Why is the average American blinded to a situation, where their nation is ruled by a visible and an invisible management. The children of the present generation will learn much about the invisible murderers, spies and crooks. This always happens long after the guilty have passed away.

This is an exact description of the US super power government as it has been operating since World War II. The world watches CNN when the president presents his case in favour of war in Afghanistan. The far majority falls for the crap he is pandering to his international audience. Dutch Foreign Minister, Jozias van Aartsen, reacted to my criticism, that closer examination of US presidents since 1945 exposes most of them as ordinary villains and crooks, by saying: 'This Bush is a decent fellow.' The minister was naively projecting a Texas gentleman, because the real George junior is like the best and the worst. Utterly unprepared to occupy the White House, he has a below average IQ and is simply the hesitating mouthpiece of Dad and his former associate warmongers. Father Bush holds an equally shaky record of being honest with Americans, as those of us who remember, for instance, the scandal of Iran gate, are being fully aware off.

We in Europe have assumed for generations that Dwight Eisenhower was an impeccable gentleman and therefore an undisputed hero for commanding the invasion of June 6,1944 on the beaches of Normandy, which was the beginning of the liberation of Europe from the Nazis. However, a quarter of a century after Ike left the White House, the University of Mississippi released a study by a former director of the Eisenhower Centre in New Orleans, Stephen Ambrose, on his presidency.

Finally, we learn, that Ike not only ran a notorious spy network, and that constantly American laws had been violated, the Eisenhower Administration was responsible for some of the most despicable crimes against humanity on record.

It must be feared, therefore, that George Bush's grand-children will be just as shocked as the offspring of Eisenhower, Nixon, Kennedy, Johnson and the others, when one day they will read about the dirty tricks of their for-bears. Wait until 2050 and the criminal machinations of the present White House will finally become public property. In the end, documentary proof, which is now being withheld, so-called for reasons of national security, will divulge the truth about how the Bush II clique was just as dishonest and feloniously inclined as the entire bunch of their predecessors.

I worked in New York in the days of the JFK Administration. The man was immensely popular. We all fell for it. When he was assassinated in one of the worst conspiracies in US history, American minds stored him as an undisputed hero in their memory. That was the atmosphere at his funeral, which I attended. Over the years, however, it became crystal clear, that JFK too had behaved as a common criminal. Like the president asking New York Times writer Tad Szulc (*Fidel: A critical portrait,* William Morrow, New York, 1986), what the reactions would be if he ordered the Cuban leader to be killed. Kennedy actually contacted his buddies in the Chicago Mafia to assist in bumping off Fidel, an act that in 2001 would be called a regular war crime.

May 1st, 1960, the Soviets downed a US spy plane and captured Francis Gary Powers. Nikita Khrushchev announced the fact in the Supreme Soviet. Eisenhower denied Powers had been spying. He lied. Only later, after Powers appeared in a Soviet Court, Ike conceded. Researcher Ambrose documented Eisenhower approved assassination plots, as well as a series of criminal US interventions in Iran, Guatemala, Cuba, Hungary, In-

donesia and Vietnam. Famous Eisenhower became exposed as a common crook.

During the Vietnam war in the 60's and 70's I lectured in the US for W. Colston Leigh. What surprised me to no end, was, that audiences did not even suspect their governments and considered mischief as directed from the White House impossible and slander. Criticism of the war in Vietnam was unacceptable to most. America had not known war since the British burned the White House. People talked through their hats about matters of war and peace. I discovered Americans across the board to be warminded and bellicose. I experienced this as frightening. Having returned from a reporting trip accompanying US soldiers on Army helicopters in the Mekong delta, I would get angry at the complacency and self-righteousness of the folks at the Fork-and-Knife Club in a provincial town in Nebraska, who considered it perfectly normal and acceptable that US B-52s sprayed southeast Asian jungles with chemicals in order to cause the leaves to drop from the trees and thus exposing the Vietcong guerrillas to attacks by US helicopter gun ships. Who used chemical warfare in Asia first?

I realised that it was useless to try to relate my own experiences of war to US audiences. I often wondered whether it would take another Hirosjima disaster to wake up Americans to the realities of the 20th century world. While Russia, Europe and many other parts of the world were largely devastated during two world wars, America remained unscathed. It turned Americans into illiterati on the subject of modern warfare and the suffering of the masses from inventions like cluster bombs, now widely used by George II in Afghanistan.

On November 20, 1975, Senator Frank Church reported that plots against five foreign leaders under presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Nixon had been deliberately organised in terms so ambiguous that it was difficult to be certain at what levels assassination activity was known and authorised. This

finding led to putting the brakes on US assassinations of foreign leaders. However, on September 17, George junior committed another of his famous gaffes. Osama bin Laden was wanted by the White House, he said, ‘dead or alive.’ Those of us, who know their history, realised that the US was officially back in the murder business.

The White House spokesman, Ari Fleischer, elucidated, that Executive Order 12333, signed December 4, 1981 by president Ronald Reagan was to remain in effect. Bush junior would also follow executive orders 11905 and 12306 signed by presidents Ford and Carter. These forbade assassinations, but did not go further to define the terms. Fleischer simply refused to answer reporters questions to be clear and said instead, ‘I am going to just repeat my words and others will figure out the exact implications of them, but it does not inhibit the nation's ability to act in self-defence.’

The usual White House battery of lawyers advised Fleischer how to dance around pertinent questions from the press and mislead everyone as to the true intentions of the Bush White House. Namely, to shoot on sight any basterd that opposes us. Having lived in New York (1958-1992) I recognised only too well the US way of thinking. It also reminded me of the remarkable book by New York Times columnist C.L. Su1zberger, *What's wrong with US Foreign Policy* (Harcourt, Brace & Company, New York, 1959). He recalled what Francois de Callières, private secretary of King Louis XIV wrote in 1713: ‘In general, the training of a lawyer breeds habits and dispositions of mind which are not favourable for the practice of diplomacy.’(p.p. 39).

Again Bush and Ariel sharon appear to be on the same wavelength when it comes to what they consider their God-given right, that is to murder whomever they wish when he is considered a threat to the US or Israel. In 2001 the Sharon government is systematically destroying its implacable enemies

through direct liquidation as if this is normal practice allowed under international law or the Charter of the United Nations. The Israelis take their cue from Bush. The professional term being ‘lethal, anticipatory self-defence.’ The Palestinians call it ‘assassination’, when US helicopters and rockets are being used to blow up Palestinian leaders in their cars. Over the past months 60 Palestinian activists have been executed this way. sharon hides his crimes behind the murderous record of countless US presidents.

Secretary-general Kofi Annan of the UN sounded like a lonely voice in the dark when he appealed to Sharon to stop murdering Palestinians in cool blood. But why should sharon, notorious for his blood baths in Palestinian camps of sabra and Shatilla, change his murderous habits at the age of 72? Meanwhile, PLO cadres, look upon themselves as genuine freedom fighters, which they are. The creation of Israel by western ultimatum to the Arab world was in itself an act of ultimate aggression. Hitler's concentration camps had been the immediate motive for the creation of a separate state for Jews, but at the expense of the Arab world.

Since 1948, a perpetual state of war reigns between Israelis and Palestinians. In 1957, I reported on an Indonesian Garuda battalion serving with UN peacekeepers in Gaza and the Sinai desert. I visited Palestinian refugee camps. No one in the world cared, neither then, or now about these victims resulting from the decision to establish a Jewish state. Arabs had no part in Hitler's crimes. It's the shame of mankind that the inhuman living conditions for thousands of Palestinians still persist today. Kofi Annan called it an affront to international law, ‘in particular human rights law, but also to general principles of law.’ The UN Charter says: ‘In peacetime, the citizens of a nation, whether they are political officials or private individuals, are entitled to immunity from intentional acts of violence by citizens, agents or military forces of another nation.’

Gangster's in the White House or the corridors of the Israeli government are guilty as hell and should be locked up in the prison of The Hague Tribunal for war crimes. But instead, the US leadership is now directly after Osama's skull and ready to lynch him on the spot, and that is being decreed without rendering any proof that he is guilty of the crimes he is being accused off. Any of the dozens of clandestine guerrilla organisations, as detailed by Attorney General Ashcroft, could have rounded up 19 Mujahideen in the name of bin Laden to fly the airliners on September 11, 2001.

Muslims finally drew the line and concluded enough is enough. They decided to answer once and for all decades of unprovoked American and western aggression against the Muslim world. US and Israeli rogues are at last being confronted with direct action for their murderous games. The Jihad is in essence a war against unbridled imperialism and colonialism stretching into the 21st century. The exploited are finally standing up against the exploiters. Bin Laden fights a liberation war, as we did in Holland against the Nazis. Al Queda are freedom fighters, as we were in 1940-1945. Hitler called us terrorists, like Bush and Blair call bin Laden a terrorist. He is not. He is a liberator.

Finally Muslims succeeded in breaking the US-Israeli standard monopoly, of bombing indiscriminately and at random whomever they want. This includes Arab youngsters throwing stones at Israeli terrorist occupying forces. At last, America is being paid back in kind. Once before the United States posed as a paper tiger when in 1975 Vietcong guerrillas, often only clad in black pyjamas, took over the US embassy in Saigon. The imperialists fled in helicopters from rooftops to the safety of their warships off the coast of Vietnam. Asians saw it as a retreat of frightened cowards. US humiliation was complete.

At last the aggressors were paid back on 09-11 with their own

medicine and Arab guerrillas used their own planes as flying bombs. Some Palestinians danced in the streets and the west screamed ‘shame!’. I recalled my lecture tours between 1958 and 1975 in the US and the indomitable warlike talk in answer and question periods. Audiences favoured the sending of B-52s over Havana and Peking. This time, I asked my self, after the WTC collapsed on CNN screens, whether Americans, after witnessing for the first time in two centuries wanton destruction on the home front would finally wake up to new realities and forever put an end to this Pavlovian reflex of sending battle ships and B-52s to destroy and kill, those whom they do not understand and thus perceive as a threat.

The simpleton who heads the so-called free and democratic world began his first scare mongering by announcing, to anyone who would listen, that all nations had to choose. Either they were for America and supported the war, or else the white House would consider them enemies in the same category as Al Queda. Pure irrational nonsense, but that is what Bush said. After weeks of fruitless bombing Bush further warned that an even greater danger loomed. His archenemy had obtained nuclear devices on the black market. Bin Laden, as usual, very much on the ball, immediately replied in a first interview since 09-11, that yes, he did have them, but would never use them until some evil spirit decided to use nuclear bombs in the Afghan mountains. The Saudi freedom fighter is not exactly known for bluffing. Freedom fighters with nuclear devices turn the planet into an even more dangerous place than it is already.

The Guardian reported (November 7, 2001), that the former national security advisor to president Boris Yeltsin, general Alexander Lebed let slip, that the USSR had prepared a large number of nuclear suitcase bombs. No less than 134 of those nuclear attaché cases have been ‘lost’. Bin Laden had managed to buy 20 of

them via chechen guerrillas for the price of 30 million dollars plus two tons of opium. According to the British paper, the tritium triggers of these nuclear mini bombs need recharging every six years. Therefore, bin Laden's nuclear arsenal probably consisted of duds. But the Saudi freedom fighter is no fool. He will be aware of this and must have obtained the proper assistance from Pakistan, itself a nuclear power, to assure him of this powerful weapon in self-defence. General Yossi Cooperwasser, chief of research for Israeli military intelligence, has denied the possibility, that Al Queda obtained lost, stolen or misappropriated nuclear devices from the former USSR. But, according to the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists in Chicago, Pakistan produces 100 kilograms of plutonium or highly enriched uranium a year. Furthermore, the head of the Pakistani nuclear program, Bahiruddin Mahmood is a close ally of bin Laden and the Taliban. Therefore, whether bin Laden bought himself nuclear protection from the former USSR or whether he obtained it from Pakistan, the possible miscalculation through nuclear escalation persists.

When the untested Bush Administration plunged into this all out war against terrorism, not only taking on Al Queda, but terrorist organisations everywhere, it clearly did not understand what it would be up against. For starters, Bush & Co apparently did not realise that Afghanistan is four times the size of Vietnam and 60 times the size of Kosovo. Only 50.000 western troops were deployed in Kosovo. In the jungles of Vietnam 600.000 Americans failed for fifteen long years to achieve their goal. Afghanistan would require at least half a million US soldiers to cleanse the mountains of Al Queda guerrillas. In short: Bush & Co embarked on a classic mission impossible. Neither bombing Afghanistan back into the Stone Age nor the deployment of ground forces will do the trick, which the bright minds of the current White House have set for themselves. The body bags will return by the thousands from Afghanistan. It is a forgone conclusion that the crusade to preempt bin

Laden will end in an unmitigated disaster, whether or not the famous fugitive survives or dies. If he were slain, our simpleton from Texas would hand the Muslim world a martyr in the prophet Mohammed class. Bush is liable, as with some of his predecessors to go down in the history books as having embarked on a bloodbath of unimaginable proportions.

At the time of writing, Washington had, during the first four weeks of the war against terrorism, dropped 10.000 bombs and missiles on more than one hundred targets in Afghanistan. Among them bunker busters of 2.300 kilograms were used, and on November 4, a so-called 'Daisy Cutter' was dropped on Taliban positions. This is a 6.900-kilogram fuel-air explosion bomb. The other up to now most heroic feat of the US armed forces has been a bungled drop of 100 Army Rangers at an airbase south of Kandahar, where they were supposed to catch the Taliban leader Mullah Omar. The American elite troops met stiff resistance and had to fight their way back to safety. Seymour Hersh reported in *The New Yorker* (November 12, 2001) that participants in this first ground-action had remarked that it had been 'a total goat fuck', meaning in military slang, that everything that could go wrong did go wrong. A special Delta Force in what is called 'a snoop and poop mission' carried out the actual attack on Omar's house. They actually got into the Taliban leader's living quarters and found nothing of any importance. Omar, like the Scarlet Pimpernel, had disappeared. One of the US participants in this raid said afterwards that upon leaving the house they had been met with heavy Taliban fire and had walked straight into an ambush. They managed to evade a bloodbath, but the first US action on the ground was a blue print military flop.

Since Bush has nothing else to show as yet, except some footage of bombardments from stratospheric heights on Afghan peasants, the supreme leader of the grand alliance talks a lot on television. The enthusiasm shown by the four major US networks

to put him continuously on screen is already waning, and after 4 weeks of war, the first clash between the White House and the television bosses has already erupted. A war without spectacular results becomes a drag. Therefore, the president dashed down to Atlanta, Georgia, where delivering a major speech, interrupted every minute by applause. To galvanise enthusiasm for the war. He called the US since 09-11 ‘a different country, saddened, less innocent, stronger, more united, determined and courageous under new threats to its existence.’

Sometimes, the presidential rhetoric comes dangerously close to techniques of propaganda as used and developed by Hitler's Minister of Information, Joseph Goebbels. After his diplomatic initiatives overseas to pressure or bribe foreign potentates into co-operating with his war plans, Bush is now mobilising the home front against a new and frightening enemy. The Washington Post reported, that since the anthrax scare remains an unsolved mystery, ‘the on-again and off-again warnings by the government for imminent terrorist attacks are prompting many Americans to ask themselves whether Washington really knows what it is doing. The Democratic pollster, Peter Hart summed the situation up as follows: ‘If the military front is a snake, the domestic front is a centipede. It's got a hundred legs, there are so many elements.’ Indications are that the doubting-season among Americans has already set in. Considered especially ominous was the moment, when even the White House acknowledged, that the deadly wave of anthrax attacks in the US must be laid at the doorstep of terrorist organisations other than bin Laden, including American Neo Nazis. This group is apparently even taking part in terrorist meetings overseas. For instance, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles established beyond any doubt, that the US Neo Nazi right is motivated above all by its loathing of the US federal government. This particular brand of ongoing madness inside the US blindly accepts that Washington is selling

out the fatherland to a 'New World Order' run by masons and Jews.

The London Observer (October 28, 2001) saw a connection between these underground Neo Nazi terrorists and the carnage in Oklahoma City in 1995. We can deduct from the information as presented by Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Wiesenthal Centre in LA, that a definite link does exist between US Neo Nazis and certain Islamic militant groups, but not necessarily with Al Queda.

Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Centre in the US, who monitors the American Hitlerites, has said, 'These people would not let their daughters near an Arab, but they are certainly making common cause on an ideological level. They see the same enemy: American culture and multi-culturism. US Neo Nazi websites, including the largest umbrella organisation, the National Alliance, show ample support for Al Queda'.

Since 09-11, Billy Roper, the Alliance membership co-ordinator, put a message on the website minutes after the attacks, reading: 'Anyone who is willing to drive a plane into a building killing Jews is alright by me. I wish our Alliance members had half as much testicular fortitude.' Another US rightwing group, Aryan Action, announced after 09-11: 'Either you are fighting with the Jews against Al Queda or you support Al Queda fighting against the Jews.'

The Observer also stressed that the anthrax scare brought a dramatic twist to the confused crisis, moving away from the Al Queda terrorist network and for the first time focussing seriously on the domestic US ultra-right. What if some day in the future, 09-11 will be finally proven to have been a conspiracy through a diabolical alliance between US rightwing supremacists and Islamic freedom fighter organisations, other than Al Queda?

The entire world thinks and talks about bin Laden in terms of what the media and CNN report about him. He himself said, he was not the WTC bomber as the White House maintaining. A Saudi freedom fighter, in the bin Laden class, is in matters that are holy to him, religiously honourable. If he had been the organiser of the 09-11 disaster, he would have said so. His press release, stating that he was not involved, can be safely taken at face value. Bush, Blair & Co. called him a liar, because they themselves only know the Washington brand of dishonest politics. For them, it is particularly hard to understand, that the neurons of a Saudi Muslim warrior, who five times a day rolls out a mat and directs his mind in prayer bowing towards Mecca, is not lying when he discusses matters he considers sacred. Are Bush, Blair and all the others in the notorious grand alliance ready to die for what they believe in? Osama bin Laden is.

The enemies of Al Queda actually form a rag-tag clique of political leaders, who readily associate themselves with certified liars and gangsters, including the Pakistan traitor of his Taliban allies, Pervez Musharaff. This turn-coat bluntly issued a reprimand to the ambassador of Afghanistan, Mullah Abdyl Salam Zaeef, ordering him to soften his tone, when he speaks on embassy grounds to foreign journalists about US war crimes in his country. Or when he refers to US pilots talking on camera as if their bombing forays into Afghanistan were to be compared to a Virginia rabbit hunt.

Washington has bought a number of so-called partners in the war, including Pakistan, with misleading promises, billions in loans, and a variety of standard bribes. Others were reminded of American aid after World War II, or by appealing to treaty obligations, that actually have nothing to do with hunting Muslim freedom fighters. Even Vladimir Putin came full circle by condoning the use of former Soviet military bases in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan for American purposes during the search for bin Laden.

What is insufficiently understood among leaders and nations joining the US alliance is that the rage behind the anti-western terror is the direct fallout of former imperialist oppression and economic exploitation. After the collapse of European empires, developing nations experienced how the United States quickly stepped into the shoes of the former colonisers and ran a revisionist kind of dollar imperialism. Turning Third World nations, one by one, into captives of Washington, the World Bank and the IMF. Some of them held particular importance for the US economy and super-power strategic interests. Indonesia and Congo promptly experienced CIA coups and got Quisling military dictators (Suharto and Mobutu) to govern them, thus ensuring these states to remain within the US orbit. Courtesy USA, these fascist partners of the White House both ruled more than three decades. Long enough to kill hundreds of thousands of their subjects create rampant corruption under Washington protection, line their own pockets and destroy the social, political fabric of their nations. Indonesia is on the verge of falling apart. While Congo was invaded by a host of foreign armies that plundered and looted the riches of the land on behalf of foreign thieves, notably serving Yankee commercial interests.

After all, only half a century ago, British soldiers were still being paid fifty shillings for each Kenyan they killed. The limbs of Mau Mau fighters used to be nailed to crossroad posts serving as reminders as to who the boss was. Other British soldiers had themselves photographed with the severed heads of Malayan guerrillas, who again, of course, were just freedom fighters in the bin Laden vein. The same bloody games were played out by the French in Algeria, the Dutch in Indonesia and the Belgians in Congo, or the Americans in Korea and Vietnam.

What is insufficiently understood in the west, and especially by Americans, who know virtually nothing about imperialist times, is that the anger behind anti-western terror has its roots start here

in past oppression and atrocities. The liberation of Asia, Africa and parts of Latin America was too often followed by a quasi semi-imperial system that assured the rich countries of continued control over the natural resources of the poor countries.

As Seumas Milne observed in *The Guardian,* 'By carving up the Middle East to protect oil interests as Britain did when it created Kuwait sources in the Third World and supporting a string of unrepresentative client states across the region, the western powers fostered first the nationalist and then the Islamic backlash, which now threatens them. The claim of the American political class that the US was attacked because it stands for freedom and democracy is more or less the opposite of the truth. In reality, the rage driving anti-Western terror is fuelled by the fact that the west continues to deny the peoples of the area the freedom to determine their own affairs - and has repeatedly intervened militarily across the region to en-force its interests since the formal end of colonial rule.' (November 8, 2001).

During the Kosovo war, Tony Blair championed the doctrine of Western intervention against recalcitrant governments, which in practice meant the imposition of western values and norms through legal and economic restraints on national sovereignty. Blair was advocating imperialism in disguise. He further expanded on this reasoning, and came up with a similarly foolish idea of waging 'humanitarian wars'. 'The new liberal imperialists are just as happy with international colonial rule as their blunter rightwing counterparts', remarked Milne in the *The Guardian*. Bush and Blair are already discussing a post Taliban government for Afghanistan. They haven't even begun the battle against the Taliban, as yet, but they palaver freely about whether that nation will become a UN trustee-ship or whether 'the allies' have to make another multinational occupation arrangement. In Anglo American

deliberations it often seems as if the United Nations no longer figures.

At the same time, the first divisions are beginning to split the US-UK partnership in the war on terrorism. Blair attaches special urgency to solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, while Washington remains focussed on Afghanistan. Even, when Bush and Arafat were both in the building of the UN on November 10, the US president avoided meeting the Palestinian leader, while he had received sharon twice at the White House, since becoming president. It shows, at least to bin Laden & Co., that Bush cannot be trusted to be fair in his assessment of the Arab or Palestinian fight for freedom and independence from us-Israeli imperialism.

Blair is equally opposed to and critical of the use of cluster bombs and 'Daisy Cutters' in Afghanistan, as this would risk British public opinion turning against the war. Whitehall is also solidly opposed to an extension of anti-Taliban front. Contrary to this more cautious approach by Blair, it is Paul Wolfowitz, the US deputy Secretary of Defence, who is lobbying the White House to resume the war against Iraq and finish off Saddam Hussein. Blair, having recently toured the Middle-East twice, meeting Palestinian and Syrian leaders, is opposed to a second Iraqi war, since it could permanently destabilise the region in favour of the bin Ladenites.

It's clear that Washington has been overplaying its hands here for many years from fear, losing its access to Mid Eastern oil. By steadily increasing its military presence on Arab soil, especially unnecessary and a pointless provocation after the collapse of the Soviet-Union, Washington created a kind of natural opposition against further imperialist over lordship in disguise. Washington is particularly slow in learning from experience, or from history.

The first alarming signal of open Anti-Americanism within Washington's staunchest ally, Saudi Arabia, came in 1996,

when 19 US soldiers were killed in the bombing - by freedom fighters - of the Khobar military barracks. Instead of drawing proper conclusions of this clear warning to get out and stay out, the US armed forces increased its presence, 'because terrorism would otherwise be taking over'. The confrontation between the US and Muslim nationalists got snarled into the vicious circle of action and reaction.

The CIA began studying the serious possibility that Saudi Arabia could be lost to Arab fundamentalism, the same way Iran went the opposite way in 1979. What is forgotten was that General Norman Schwarzkopf, later the US commander in the Gulf War had been asked by the Shah of Iran to set up his secret police. In Teheran, this created a climate reminiscent of Gestapo police methods. When Washington decided to act, preserving its Anglo-American oil interests in Iran, the opposite of the desired result was achieved. If Saidi Arabia eventually falls to the bin Ladenites, the Americans will have nobody to blame but themselves. Along with the Saudi monarchy, the other royal dominoes, and related fiefdoms of sheiks and crooks, will also fall, and with it, America having lost its willing royal puppets, will simultaneously loose its monopoly over Mid-East oil.

The Saudi royals are already a shaky bunch. The National Security Agency in Washington has been monitoring them for many years. In 1995 the King had a severe and crippling stroke. He receives permanent medical attention ever since. 'He is able to sit in a chair and open his eyes, but is usually unable to recognise even his oldest friends,' reporter Seymour Hersh noted in *The New Yorker* (November 5, 2001). Fahd is only being kept on his throne in name, and because of a power struggle within the royal family. Some do not want Crown Prince Abdullah to succeed him.

Abdullah is suspected of wanting to make a serious effort to stem the reckless corruption and gangster practices of the roy-

al house of Saud. This would seriously curb the present privileges of the thousands of princes who now have free access to the treasury. As long as Washington goes along with the crooks and the thieves in Ryadh, it will indeed safeguard its oil interests, at least for the moment. But it is bin Laden, who rides the wave of history, because the royals sooner or later collapse. Osama stands on the side of reform. The monarchy will fall, if not to bin Laden, to his successors.

Abdullah, notes Hersh, is also considered to become the kind of King, ready to penalise the US, and its oil and gas companies, because of Washington's blind support for Israel. So, for the time being Fahd stays. This represents only a stay of final execution. The Texas oil-supply company, Halliburton, up until the end of last year was run by the present vice-president, Dick Cheney. It operates various subsidiary companies in Saudi Arabia. Cheney's advice is probably, hang on in there, for our lifetime, we will survive and cash in on the basis of old rules.

Hersh obtained transcripts of NSA electronic intercepts of conversations between members of the Saudi royal family. It becomes clear from these secretly tapped contacts how corrupt, alienated from the people and frightened this cabal of blue bloods really is. For years they have channelled hundreds of millions of dollars to the opposition, including bin Laden, hoping this protection money would delay the overthrow of the Saudi monarchy. But as Elaine Sciolino has already asked in the *New York Times,* 'Is Saudi Arabia heading for an Iran- ian-style Islamic revolution?' (November 5, 2001)

The National Security Agency in Washington, which listened in on Saudi royals, became convinced, that the hypocrisy within the family and the constant stealing of billions of dollars from the state budget for private uses, estranged them from the vast majority of their subjects. Bin Laden's principal goal remains to purify his fatherland from this disgusting co-

terie of profiteers and Mafioso. Because Washington has been collaborating with the enemies of the Saudi masses, the US itself helped to create bin Ladenites all over the Muslim world, who rejoiced that at last the death and destruction of 09-11 had finally brought home, what America had been doing to others. The vast majority of Muslims, as well as millions in Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Yugoslavia, you name it, felt as we did during World War II, when with our explosives we were able to sabotage the Nazi enemies. Our resistance did not make us terrorists. Neither does Al Queda.

The royals in Riyadh screamed 'foul' in a reaction to the Hersh article, because it revealed that the NSA was spying even on its own allies. Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Azis called the present stream of bad publicity coming from the US 'slander and treason'. Journalists were reminded of the fact, that the Saudi's had played a large part in the 1991 Gulf War bill against Iraq. Also the stationing of US troops in the kingdom had been a high-risk policy, since a large majority of Saudis don't want them there.

This semi occupation by the US military was for bin Laden and friends the prime reason to launch a crusade against the royal regime. Billionaire prince, Al Waleed bin Talal, handed a cheque of ten million dollars to the mayor of New York. The prince added unsolicited advice for American policy in the Middle East. It was not accepted, nor was the money. Presently, relations between Riyadh and Washington are at an all time low, which only works to the advantage of Al Queda, which intends to overthrow the monarchy, and cut all ties with the Bushes, Cheney's, and all the other imperialist blood-suckers from Wall street.

What must be understood in relation to the so-called terrorists, is how each assault on pride and confidence - by a super power versus oil producing states ruled by an oligarchy of indigenous sheiks - increases a sense of vulnerability and gen-

erates a quantum of useless anger in the minds of masses who feel, and are indeed powerless against a superior force. For many years they have managed to suppress feelings of alienation and humiliation, which causes the physiology of a repressed and maladaptive anger. Finally the flash point is reached. That is what now is occurring in both Afghanistan and Gaza. Palestinians have had it with Israeli state terrorism. They no longer accept helicopter assassinations of their prominent leaders. They finally shoot back.

Fear and anger are part of a larger emotional complex of responses. New York psychiatrist, Willard Gaylin, explained how fear and anger were designed to serve as responses to threats to our survival, not our pride, status, position, manhood or dignity. 'Yet, somehow,' he wrote, 'we have developed in our minds a crucial linkage between affronts to our status of even minimal measure and the very sense of our survival. We respond to an affront with biological defences appropriated for assaults. We experience these affronts as though they were threats to survival.' (The *Rage Within, Anger in modern life,* Simon & Schuster, New York, 1984).

The bin Ladenites in this world of the 21st century feel threatened and enraged by the trampling of their basic human rights, and constant violation of their basic freedoms. The vast majority of public opinion in the entire Middle East, or for that matter the entire Muslim world, is on the side of bin Laden, Saddam, Qadaffi and so on. Yet, it is solely and uniquely US super power rogue behaviour that casts a dark shadow of imperialism and raw exploitation of the precious black gold of the region, by US support for disgusting cliques of royal extortionists of public funds. They have US made modern arms shoved down their throats to keep the masses suppressed and their police states functioning. Hosni Mubarak would have been long gone, like his predecessor Anwar Sadat, if there had been one single free democratic election in Egypt. Mubarak

systematically kills and imprisons everybody, who is in his way. Since Abdel Gamal Nasser, a bin Ladenite at heart, Egypt has played ball with the west. Millions of people in that country are currently suppressing this deliberate affront to their dignity and self-respect as imposed by the present traitor regime. But the day will come, when their emotions will spillover onto the streets.

In a recent conversation with Pakistani journalist, Hamid Mir, bin Laden - of whom even George Bush has said, we should take his words seriously - stated clearly: 'In my view if an enemy occupies a Muslim territory and uses common people as human shield, then it is permitted to attack that enemy. For instance, if bandits barge into a home and hold a child hostage, then the child's father can attack the bandits and in that attack even the child might get hurt. America and its allies are massacring us in Palestine, Chechnya, Kashmir and Iraq. The Muslims have the right to attack America in reprisal. The 0911 attacks were not targeted at women and children. The real targets were America's icons of military and economic power.' The holier than thou messages from Bush & Co to the world are in effect boiling down to one essential point: attacking innocents is terrorism. But when the US was attacked in Pearl Harbour, it felt justified to reply in kind with nuclear devices over Hirosjima and Nagasaki. Hitler and Goring were the first to map out a policy of bringing countries to their knees by de-stroying open cities. The US and the UK were quick to copy this terrorist behaviour. Hitler bombed London, therefore the US war industry invented a military method called 'carpet bombing', by which most German open cities were wiped off the map. Now this method is indiscriminately practised on Afghan peasants. In today's jargon of waging war, the US and NATO simply engage in Hitlerite state terrorism.

LBJ and Nixon did the same over Hanoi and Haiphong. Vietnam was US state terrorism and chemical warfare carried out in

Southeast Asia against a peasant population. Papa Ho Chi-minh was not smart enough or aggressive enough to organise the hijacking of US airliners and fly them into US open cities in return and thus administering a dose of their own medicine in return. Finally, the Mujahideen, fighting a Jihad against Soviet and American aggressors finally managed to practice the tenet: an eye for an eye. But this time the world was too small for comfort. When the Mujahideen hit back it was a crime against humanity. It shows, that Americans and Israelis maintain the weird notion, that the loss of one of their lives is a thousand times more precious, then those of Palestinians, Saudis, Iraqis, Libyans, Afghans, Pakistani and all the rest, and this justifies immediate allied retaliation. A worldwide coalition had to be drummed up at once to organise the destruction of terrorist networks everywhere. But the Jihad is nothing more than the innate defence mechanism of Muslims against half a century of systematic violation of their dignity and selfrespect. Now, we watch on TV how even a born Texas roughneck, George Bush, all of a sudden embraces and kisses a New York mullah at the commemoration of the WTC disaster. Someone much smarter then him must have told junior, that Machiavelli did not intend his axioms for amateurs. In *II Principe* the Florentine political philosopher wrote, 'It is nec-essary that the Prince should know how to colour his nature well, and how to be a great hypocrite and dissembler. For men are so simple, and yield so much in immediate necessity, that the deceiver will never lack dupes.'(Chapter 18).

As far back as the aftermath of the first WTC bombing in 1993, *Newsweek* carried a coverstory (March 15, 1993), called 'Cold Fury, the Wrath of Islam'. The magazine asked the question, 'Does the terrorist strike in New York have its roots in the growing anger against the West shared by Muslim fundamentalists from North Africa to Asia?' Christopher Dickey warned in this article eight years ago, that a sense of rage was grow-

ing among millions of Muslims. ‘They see Iraq bombed into submission by the combined powers of the Western (imperialist and colonial) world. They see Zionist Israel imposed on Muslim lands and backed by American force (and ultra modern US military equipment). They see zealots from their own ranks, leaders of Ham as in the occupied territories, deported to a freezing mountainside in Lebanon and left to suffer while Washington dickers lackadaisically with Israel about their return.’

How could the world possibly have been taken by surprise, when the 1993 initial bombing of the WTC in New York was followed by the 2001 total destruction of these two buildings? Let's be clear: Al Queda is a reaction to a world categorically refusing to listen to authentic Muslim voices expressing their protracted frustrations and demanding recognition of their human rights. The Muslim black balls were hoisted years ago. The pain and stress of constant confrontation with one's impotence in the face of murderous bullying by outside superior forces in the Middle East gradually translated into increased arousal and aggressive behaviour. This could have been foreseen if the loud complaints had been taken seriously. However, the diehard supremacists in Israel, the UK and the US remained stone blind to the storm signals that have been blowing for many years over the entire Muslim world.

Significant are recent remarks made by General Hameed Gul, head of the Pakistani secret service (ISI) from 1987 to 1989. He served under president Zia ul-Haq, when the west was channelling billions of dollars via Pakistan to the Mujahideen, who were fighting the Soviets. When the Russians finally withdrew, the freedom fighters formed an interim government. General Gul: ‘The UN and the US intervened. They insisted on setting up a broad-based government, in which communists and former royalists were represented. This was considered unacceptable to the Mujahideen. Again, today, the UN and US

are speaking of a new broad based government in Kabul, but if they had not mingled in Afghan affairs then, the history of Afghanistan would have been a different one.'

How slow America is in understanding what really goes on in the other world, or what motivates masses of people outside the US paradise. This blindness to new realities everywhere renders even some of America's traditional allies desperate. As demonstrated by the Saudi Foreign Minister, Prince Saud al Feisal. He bluntly told *The New York Times,* that Riyadh was extremely upset over the attitude of Bush vis a vis the Palestinians. The president fails to commit his personal prestige to promoting a peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians, 'which makes a sane man go mad.' Mark you, these words were uttered by the foreign minister of a nation, that represents the key domino in the Middle-East chess play. Obviously American diplomacy, now led by a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the armed forces, is wholly defunct and remiss and so cannot maintain constructive relations with its most important ally in this explosive area of the world.

Saud al Feisal simply informed *The New York Times,* (November 10, 2001), that his government was 'angrily frustrated' by the Bush Administration, which failed to begin a promised new peace initiative in the Middle East. What made Wash-ington imagine that it could playa constructive role in that conflict if Bush refused to meet with Yasser Arafat? Bush's national security advisor, Condoleezza Rice poured even more oil on the fire by a flat-footed statement, that her boss did not feel, Arafat was serious about the American led war against terrorism As if she was addressing a school class she said, 'There are responsibilities that come with being the representative of the Palestinian people, and that means to make certain that you do everything you can to lower the level of violence, everything you can to root out terrorists. These are responsi-

bilities, we have asked Chairman Arafat to take, and to take seriously. We still don't think there has been enough in that regard.' The lady clearly understands nothing about what Yasser Arafat can and cannot do.

Miss Rice was added to the Bush team, because of her reputation of being versed in (former) Soviet affairs, speaking Russian fluently. Undoubtedly a most commendable expertise a decade after the USSR collapsed. Hearing her wisecracks on Arafat one wonder why the nincompoop, who occupies the White House in 2001 wanted especially her around in his immediate vicinity. The entire Bush phenomenon remains a mystery. Remember that he carried Florida with less than 500 votes on 6 million votes cast over the seasoned and experienced politician like Al Gore. It would have been unthinkable for a Democratic president to intentionally humiliate Arafat, considering the way the current Republican head of state is playing his cards in the Mid East conflict. Hence, the bloodshed there is reaching new alarming heights. The Sharon government behaves towards Palestinians like Milosevic dealt with Albanian minorities. In the mean time, also the Saudi Foreign Minister exclaims he is losing his mind over Bush's stupidities.

The Saudi ambassador in Washington, Prince Bandar bin Sultan realised at once, what a negative impact 09-11 would have on US public opinion, since 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudis. The prince is 28 years on the job and has lived through decades of American foreign policy being run in the Middle East by the CIA. Hence, prince Bandar became an insider. For instance: when president Ronald Reagan looked for funds to finance illegal covert CIA actions in Nicaragua, he used his rogue national security staffer, Colonel Oliver North, a buddy of Bandar, to get the Saudi royal family to donate 20 million dollars for the sole aim of buying clandestine arms to kill Nicaraguan peasants. Father Bush was in the White House as the vice-president when this monkey business went on. Re-

member: Osama bin Laden is solely on the warpath, to clean up Saudi Arabia's act.

Prince Bandar has a house in Aspen, Colorado, with 55 rooms and 26 bathrooms. He retires there, when he gets depressed. The ambassador realises full well, that his standing in Washington might still be high, but at home, wrote Dickey, it is slipping. Compared to Bandar, Osama bin Laden is a saint. In 1996, journalist Abdul Bari Atwan visited him in the Afghan mountains. 'Bin Laden's cave,' he wrote, 'is a six by four room. In the foremost part sits a library full of Islamic heritage... There were also five wooden beds that looked more like wooden platforms used to display fruit and vegetables at poor Arab markets. The walls of the cave were hung with Kalashnikov rifles.' Atwan slept on one of them, with underneath which was a pile of hand grenades. He asked where the toilet was. An aide answered, laughingly, 'Where do you think you are, in the Sheraton?'

In 1996, bin Laden told Atwan: 'Military people are not unaware that preparations for major operations take a certain amount of time, unlike minor operations. If we wanted small actions, the matter would have been easily carried out immediately after declaring our Jihad against American forces and the boycott of American goods. The nature of the battle calls for operations of a specific type that will make an impact on the enemy, and this of course calls for excellent preparation. We saw the Riyadh and al-Khobar bombings as a sufficient signal for people of intelligence among American decisionmakers between the nation of Islam and then American forces. But it seems, they did not understand the signal.'

Bin Laden signalled Washington well ahead of time and long before a turn for the worse in US-Islam relations. For 14 centuries, no imperialist soldiers had entered the peninsula of Muslim nations, and now they would be wise to leave at once. 'The British and others used to respect the feelings of now

more than a billion Muslims,' bin Laden told Atwan. 'There-fore they did not occupy the land of the two holy places... There recent arrival (under the pretext of wanting to protect Saudi Arabia from an Iraqi invasion) of US troops on the Arabian Peninsula was an aberration and a reckless act. It brought them into confrontation with a billion Muslims.'

On November 13, 2001 *The Washington Post* confirmed that King Fahd, or the clique that rules in his name, allowed Washington to direct the war in Afghanistan from a state-of-the-art command centre outside Riyadh. 'The Saudi government is afraid to tell the Saudi people that it is providing this material support to the United States,' wrote the Post in an editorial. 'Such political jujitsu has become so familiar to both Saudis and Americans over the years that it is usually taken for granted.'

The paper added that overt dependence on the US incites rage amongst Islamic militants. Rage is everywhere. In Mubarak's Egypt, is it normal to have 14.000 heavily armed police raid a slum district like Imbaba and arrest 800 so-called militants who are potential bin Ladenites. President Mubarak concedes in interviews, that yes, the government uses 'a very heavy hand' against Islamic extremists. Therefore, heavily armed paramilitary police and armoured personnel carriers menacingly stand vigil in Cairo slums and in impoverished villages along the banks of the Nile. Mubarak is, of course, a staunch friend of the West, and considers Osama bin Laden an archenemy. Just as in Pinochet's Chile, even preteenage youngsters are caught in the dragnet of the Egyptian police forces and are never heard of again. Torture is common practice in Mubarak's Egypt. I as a Dutchman respect what bin Laden stands for, contrary to my government, which prefers to align itself with 'partners' in Washington, Cairo and Riyadh.

'The United States knows,' wrote *The Washington Post,* 'that its backing of the corrupt and authoritarian Saudi regime

damages its image makes it a target for terrorism, but it sees that as the necessary price to be paid for stable oil supplies and secure Middle East bases.' The paper stressed that Washington should not subordinate Saudi Arabia's domestic political order to energy-supply priorities. Washington should keep in mind, that 15 of the 19 hijackers on 09-11 were Saudis. Washington should realise that perhaps the Saudi autocratic regime is beneficial and convenient for negotiating arms deals, but the Washington-Riyadh axis is essentially a monstrous alliance. Washington should have realised long ago, that bin Laden's most cherished aim is to overthrow the Saudi monarchy. The US government unequivocally underestimated the internal opposition against their royal puppets who manage the oil wealth on behalf of their American superiors.

Jim Hoagland described US-Saudi Arabian relations as having reached the edge of the precipice. 'Saudi Arabia and the United States have danced a strategic yin and yang for a half century as each has simultaneously protected and threatened the other's vital interests,' he wrote in *The Washington Post.* He talked at length with Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah who remarked, 'For a total war on terrorism, the West will have to engage in some introspection as well, and examine external policies that contribute to a dynamic in the Middle East that leads toward catastrophe'. Hoagland summed up the conversation with Abdullah as follows, 'I left our talk thinking that the hands of the clock still say five minutes to midnight in a region now in thrall to war and change.'

The 21st century world uses the word 'terrorist' loosely and irresponsibly. One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. As Timothy Garton Ash concluded in *The Guardian,* to determine whether someone is a terrorist some questions must be answered: biography, goals, methods and context. A combination of the answers will yield the relevant information to form a valid opinion. For instance: Does bin Laden really want

to destroy the West, as we are told on TV and even in serious media? Does he intend to purify Islam, and topple the House of Saud or does he merely intend to assist the Crown Prince in getting rid of the corruptors and thieves among the royals and evict the Americans from his country?

In practice, the entire world thinks and talks about bin Laden on the basis of newspaper & TV news 'information'. But most people have never obtained any reliable piece of information to gain a valid opinion. Genuine input and detailed background information about Al Queda are not available. At the time of 09-11 incident, it was impossible to obtain anywhere in Manhattan a single book about bin Laden or Al Queda. The reference material I used, including the valuable US Congres-sional study by Yossef Bodansky, which I referred to earlier, I obtained from the QB Bookshop in Jakarta. As a result of our 21st century general life style, bin Laden is thought of and talked about by most people on the basis of cursory and non-authoritative information, and far too often this is spread by loquacious babblers.

In East Timor, for instance, as seen from the West, freedom fighters succeeded in gaining independence, while Jakarta saw them as terrorists. However, Washington insists, that Indonesian generals will stand trial. The Kosovo Liberation Army, (KLA), which was CIA funded, recruited and armed, was seen from Belgrade as a first class terrorist organisation. They were engaged in breaking up Yugoslavia. Naturally, Milosovic had the duty to unleash his elite guards to stem the tide and try to keep the nation together. He lost and is standing trial in The Hague as a war criminal. What about American presidents and generals who considered the Vietcong terrorists, but who where seen in Hanoi, Moscow and Peking as freedom fighters? Should they go to trial too? Or, for that matter, Bush, Cheney, Powell and Rumsfeld, who declared bin Laden a terrorist, while hundreds of millions of people consider him an au-

thentic freedom fighter, should they be sent to the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague? It will not happen, because the party that wins, in this case the number one super rogue power in the world, will decide who are the terrorists and who are the freedom fighters.

If Hitler had won Eisenhower and Churchill would have gone to jail or would have been hanged. But allied raw power overwhelmed Hitler, like allied power is overwhelming Al Queda. Bush and Blair are the victors for now.

In the past century certain freedom fighters were receiving military assistance from the USSR and China. In the end this sometimes tipped the balance of power, for instance in Korea and Vietnam. But this century there is only one super-power left. Freedom fighters like Al Queda, having no B-52s or battleships to dispatch to America, needs to become super inventive. They expedited their Muslim kamikaze pilots to do the job by using US airliners like Mujahideen made cruise missiles.

This Afghanistan battle will be lost in this stage against the combined allied forces, including some from Germany and Japan. But this hardly means, that the protracted struggle for the eviction of American imperialism over the Muslim world by way of a weird collection of corrupt royal families and Mafia sheiks, who willingly play ball with Wall Street and the CIA to line up their own pockets, will last for ever. The goals of bin Laden and Al Queda are perfectly understandable, justifiable and honourable. But their guerrilla methods and freedom fight stands in the way of the imperialistic designs by Washington, who therefore wants to wipe them out and kill them outright.

Bush and Blair legitimised the violence by forming a broad coalition and unleash the latest weaponry in their arsenals to bomb the rebels into submission. They do not hesitate to ally themselves with the devil, like the northern alliance in Afghanistan, and let them do their bidding, so that a mini-

mum of bags filled with dead American and British soldiers, will have to be brought home. They pose as decent chaps and fervent crusaders for human rights and common decency. But, in practice, they are behaving as opportunistic hoodlums, who love to shoot from the hip and bomb enemies into submission. They looked the other way, when the northern alliance said it had given explicit orders to shoot on sight every single foreign fundamentalist Al Queda volunteer found on Afghan soil. An estimated 6.000 of them are therefore to be summarily massacred with the tacit consent of Bush and Blair. This is straight war criminal behaviour covered by the prestige of the White House and Downing Street 10. But this is hardly the first time either. Secretary Rumsfeld boast even 'the US will not take prisoners'.

Andrea Catherwood of the *London Times* was an eyewitness, when 700 Taliban fighters were trapped in a school in Mazar-I Shariff. They were deliberately crushed inside by tanks of the northern alliance and massacred. Bush and Putin, out of all people, delivered the uniforms, the arms and the tanks from military bases in Uzbekistan, to commit these war-crimes next door. Hardly surprising after Bush told CNN, 'I looked Vladimir Putin into the eye and I knew I could trust him.' The new partners in mischief further cemented their devilish alliance during a barbecue weekend in Crawford, Texas during a weekend at the Bush farm. All they could think of was bloody revenge, Bush for 09-11 and Putin for a lost war in the 80s.

Schiller described in Wilhelm Tell how armed resistance sometimes becomes legitimate. 'When the oppressed man cannot find justice anywhere,' wrote Schiller in 1804 in his famous play, 'he reaches up to the sky and pulls down his eternal right that hangs there, inalienable and imperishable, like the stars'. 'If all other options are exhausted,' the German writer concluded, 'the oppressed might take up the sword'. Americans did take up arms against the British. Neither George Wash-

ington - nor, for that matter, William of Orange, fighting off Spanish invaders during an eighty years war in the 16th century - were written about in the history books as terrorists. London considered the Washingtonians terrorists as once upon a time the King of Spain looked upon the Dutch as Al Qaidians, who had to be destroyed. In the end, however, Washington and William of Orange became for all of History, super national heroes. Osama bin Laden may have lost the battle for Afghanistan, which is raging at the time of this writing, he might even be killed. But the Muslim war for eviction of American and British imperialism from the Middle East or from the Muslim holy places is far from over.

In one of his most recent interviews with Pakistani journalist Hamid Mir, bin Laden demonstrated that some of his views, for instance, how democracy functions in the United States, do not jive with reality. Literally, he stated, 'The American people should remember that they pay taxes to their government, they elect their president, their government manufacture arms and give them to Israel and Israel uses them to massacre Palestinians.' Reality is somewhat more complicated than that. The Bushites, are indeed close allies of the spy and intelligence community as well as the notorious military and industrial complex. As a matter of fact, father and son Bush both speak with one voice, when it comes to using the power of the US presidency. Power as the cloak and dagger boys would have it used. This makes the global designs of the Bush II presidency even more perilous for the bin Ladens of this world.

The Saudi rebel further told Hamid Mir, 'The American Congress endorses all government measures and this proves that all Americans are responsible for the atrocities perpetrated against Muslims. All Americans are guilty, because they elect the Congress. I ask the American people to give up anti Muslim policies. The American people have risen against their

government's war in Vietnam. They must do the same today.' It shows that the idol of millions of Muslims in the world does not really understand how American democracy operates and how powerless American voters really are in the face of the Washington political life. Indeed, public opinion did contribute widely to the end of the Vietnam war, but the mobilisation of the anti-war voice took an entire decade. In the mean time, the war raged on. Toying with the idea of a popular uprising in America against Bush II is nonsense.

One of the significant lessons of twenty centuries of modern history has been that most conflicts have been the outcome of an incredible lack of pertinent knowledge of the alien points of view. The minds of the current protagonists, bin Laden and Bush, have literally been programmed worlds apart. What are simple truths to Bush are vital lies to bin Laden and the other way around. Essential pieces of information about Islam and most of the valid claims Al Queda holds against America are completely missing from Bush's awareness. The mind of the president - and the same goes for his closest collaborators and advisors - shows too many blindspots, to even begin to understand what could possibly inspire or motivate Mujahideen suicide pilots to fly straight into US buildings in New York and Washington. For the sake of simplicity, the White House decided, 09-11 amounted to a massacre of thousands of innocent civilians.

Instead of trying to fill the lacuna of understanding which the despairing Muslim minds were trying to convey by this act of war on both the US government and the public at large, the characteristic reflex was as usual swift, silly, and simplistic: back into your cage! The Al Queda leadership shall be executed. After liquidating Al Queda, we shall go after all terrorists in the world, wherever they may hide.

'The blindspot,' wrote psychologist Daniel Goleman of *The New York Times,* 'is an apt physiological metaphor for our fail-

ure to see things as they are in actuality'. (*Vital Lies, Simple Truths, The Psychology of Self-Deception,* Simon & Schuster, New York, 1985). Bush & Co are making fools of themselves, as all US presidents have done since World War II, when dealing with nations and cultures on far away continents. He repeated the same dangerous nonsense as his predecessors: who is not with us is against us. How many millions of innocent people have died in Asia, Africa and Latin America since 1945, following 'blind spots' in the brains of American leaders and their murderous accomplices in the intelligence services and armed forces of the United States?

Undoubtedly, George Orwell would have found inspiration to create a scathing satire about a scramble brained Texas rancher, who burst upon the world scene by way of a stolen election, helped along by Dad, who is deeply connected with the Houston oil industry, and supportive of spy and intelligence's services. Immediately following the arrival of George junior in Washington, a chorus of armed threats coupled to slogans of freedom, democracy and human rights, reached new heights. History will record that 09-11 was a decisive turning point in US global dominion over all nations and peoples. The Bush II regime will be registered as a triumvirate, that used the WTC and Pentagon events as a decisive turning point in US global domination over all nations and peoples. Once upon a time the Christian world went on horseback to Constantinople to cut the throats of Muslims in the name of Jesus Christ. The 21st century is witness to a global crusade by Wall Street bankers and US multinationals, still backed up by cluster bombs and ordinary throat-slitting as the order of the day.

At the time of this writing, Osama bin Laden and Al Queda are being hunted down by British Marines and US commandos. These elite troops are employing ultra modern technology. The most powerful armed forces in the world are determined to murder their Muslim opponents. No doubt, this interven-

tion will wipe out bin Laden and Al Queda. But this is a sad day for all humanity, for they might go down in history as the very last genuine freedom fighters against total US rule over the planet. The last desperate effort to oppose complete Amer-ican military and economic supremacy, be it in saudi Arabia or anywhere else, is being nipped in the bud. All 190 national states will become obedient vassals of the US. The UN will become redundant, which in fact, it already is. America will decide what is good for all of us. For my generation, this is a frightening prospect, but future generations will never know how different times were, prior to some 190 states being added to the 51 already being ruled from the White House.

Earlier opposition against spreading US imperialism was likewise stamped out by Washington. In the sixties and seventies, Afro-Asian and Latin American leaders, who stood up against the US, were instantly murdered, disposed of or quarantined for life. The forerunners of Osama bin Laden were called Castro, Guevara, Lumumba, Sukarno, Sihanouk, Bhutto, Nasser, Arafat, Qadaffi, Nkrumah, Noriega, Bishop, saddam, and many others. (see my brochure: *Who are the Number one War Criminals,* Papieren Tijger, Breda, 2001). They were all, be it in different ways, freedom fighters against US imperialism. One by one, they were put out of business by the US armed forces and the CIA in order to be replaced permanently by US imposed criminal thugs, like suharto, Pinochet, Mobutu and others. These criminals ran fascist, dirty, and corrupt regimes to facilitate their US superiors, the new dollar mandarins of the world, all in the name of freedom, decency, and human rights. Even the USSR was successfully brought down as a super-power during the Reagan-Bush regime (see: *Victory: The Reagan Administration's strategy that hastened the collapse of the Soviet Union,* Peter Schweizer, Atlantic Monthly Press, New York, 1994).

Those who oppose the US are accused of being rogue leaders of rogue states. In reality, after 1945, America became the sole

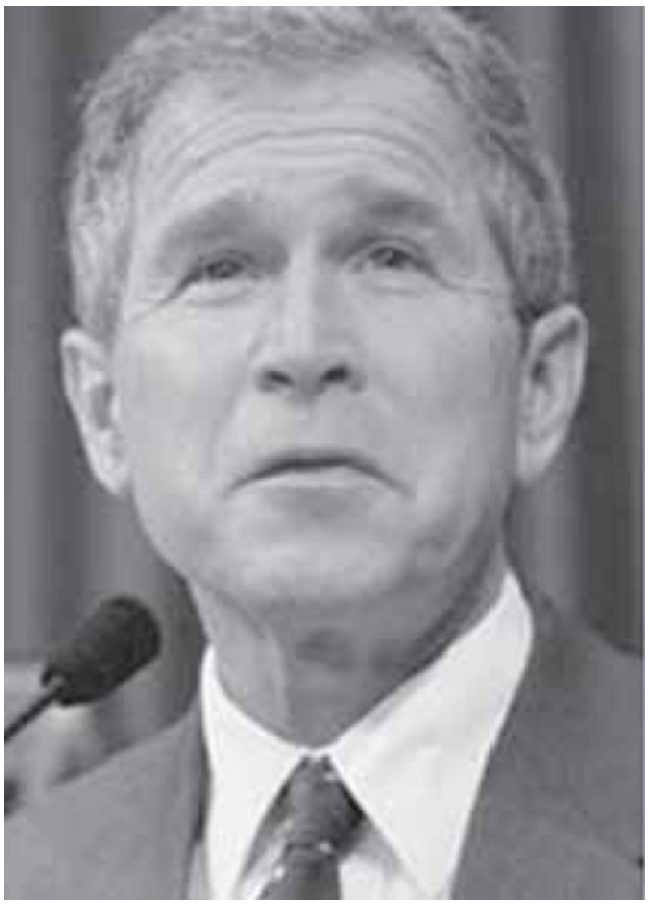
Rogue Super Power in the world. Therefore, it was a disgusting spectacle of international subservience and prostration, when immediately after 09-11, a vast stream of world leaders, except China, rushed to the White House to shed crocodile tears in the Oval Office with George II over the loss of life and limb at the WTC and the Pentagon. Only bin Laden was still holding out in the Afghan mountains. But, he too, is destined to be destroyed in collusion with Texas oil barons, who, incidentally, also intend to run a profitable oil pipeline from Kazakhstan through Afghanistan. Thus further disadvantaging the Russians and furthering US interests in the region.

What will be developments in the 21st century? The general direction will be globalisation, whether some like it or not. In practice the evolution of almost two hundred independent states into one global village will go hand in hand with the current process of intensified super-power Americanisation of the planet. Europe is slowly integrating into a coalition of states with one currency. Eventually Europe will also fly one flag, and have one parliament and one police force, all closely allied to the United States, like Western Europe is already linked politically, economically and militarily to Washington. An intense effort is underway to included ever more nations of Eastern Europe into the Atlantic coalition, which by the middle of the 21st century will mean, that nations from Tokyo to Washington will have integrated into political, financial and multinational partnerships. Even China is being transformed slowly but securely into a western model of society. After the Olympic Games, China can be expected to permanently join a US dominated global coalition of former independently run states.

In the end, the planet will be governed by one parliament, replacing the United Nations, one police force, perhaps even serving under one commander and one flag. The William the Conqueror's, the Che Guevara's and the bin Laden's will be re-

membered as heroes, and, perhaps written up in the history books as incurable heroes, among the last of the Mohikans, who dared to resist total American hegemony over mankind, as they discovered that the battle for a separate identity for the world's Muslims was an uphill battle that could not be won over American power.

Global Terrorist



Since 09-11, the world has been made to believe, through the battery of American, British and western news organisations reports, that George Bush junior is a perfectly legitimate anti-terrorist crusader. America was attacked and the president was therefore fully entitled to respond other than by dispatching the fleet, sending in the Marines and flying B-52's into the stratosphere to drop Daisy Cutters.

Bush considers himself all good and, of course Osama bin Laden is all evil. According to the US president the Al Queda leader is a dangerous terrorist and therefore guilty, even though Washington presented only the flimsiest circumstantial evidence as proof to his guilt for 09-11. Most international jurists are unanimously warning, that the Bush Administration's onus probandi against bin Laden and his men, will not hold up in court. Therefore, Washington quickly established military tribunals, where death sentences can be pronounced in secret, out of sight of lawful and public scrutiny. The Bush II clique risks going down in history as common criminals and murderers. At the same time, they are our (Europe's) closest allies. Worse, still, in the words of former Dutch foreign minister Hans van Mierlo, Europe behaves since 09-11 versus America, ‘as a well trained little dog that dutifully follows his boss’.

Bush, new to the job, seems to assume that US -Arab relations began on 09-11, 2001. In reality, Arab objections to American conduct in foreign affairs in the region originate from that fateful moment in the world's history, when Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill decided at Yalta on the creation of Israel. This was meant to be the ultimate redemption for Nazi death camps for which Arabs or Palestinians hardly had been responsible. The state of Israel was established in tandem with Zionist terrorism against Palestinians and the Arab world, with the US , UK and the West looking on in mostly silent approval.

For half a century Arab nationalism has forcefully resented continued US and western war crimes in their part of the world. The turning of a US blind eye to many years of Israeli war crimes against Palestinians, has not only turned the Middle East into an anti-American war zone, but also has finally resulted in the establishment of Al Queda. Washington is looked upon by the majority of a billion Muslims from Mo-rocco to Pakistan and Indonesia as the archenemy. Americans protect Jews no matter what their crimes against Arabs are. Israeli military might is paid for, approved and delivered by Washington. Innocent Palestinian bystanders, young and old, have been killed on a daily basis for over half a century as the result of indirect US political, military and economic intervention. Bush is simply continuing a protracted policy of American war crimes everywhere.

Previously, already Franklin D. Roosevelt had behaved like a classic war criminal. He rallied Americans for the war against Fascism by deliberately allowing Japan to attack Pearl Harbour. Some 2.800 American sailors and military personnel died in Japanese kamikaze raids on the US fleet in Hawaii. The White House figured it was worth the price in life and limb, since it would swing American public opinion towards favouring an all out war against the Axis powers. It likewise prepared the nation for the acceptance of future heavy war casualties. In 1941, Pearl Harbour achieved the same end result as 09-11 did in 2001. The WTC and Pentagon disasters justified Americans en masse to approve Bush going to war.

Only half a century later did Thomas Fleming come up with this information based on relevant documentary proof regarding the Pearl Harbour calamity in his 628 page study, *FDR, and the War within World War II* (Basic Books, New York, 2001). What guarantees we have that it wasn't Bush and Co., as in 1941 with FDR, who deliberately allowed 09-11 to happen?

Most Americans and Europeans never realised that FDR was a

devious schemer, until Thomas Fleming finally unearthed the facts about 1941 as late as in 2001. Roosevelt played dirty tricks on the US people, but was a gentleman compared to the ignorant gypster, who now lives in the White House. With the help of his Daddy's powerful CIA friends, he stole an election in order to become the most powerful, and therefore, in his case, the most dangerous man in the world. What if in 2056 another historian would examine the by then released Washington files concerning events before, on or after 09-11-2001? Did the White House know beforehand, as Roosevelt had in the case of Pearl Harbour, that those Arab kamikaze pilots were on their way? Were Cheney and Rumsfeld in on the approaching disaster, and were Bush, while talking to schoolchildren in Florida, and Colin Powell away on business in Latin America unaware of the pending disaster?

It would not be the first time in US history either, that a President is left in the dark about criminal schemes dreamt up by the intelligence services. When folksy Texan LBJ was fighting an illegal war in Asia, he was tricked by the CIA into believing, that North Vietnam had deliberately caused trouble in the Tonkin Gulf. This led to his fateful decision of another US war crime to bomb Hanoi and Haiphong. Lyndon Johnson, after discovering that he had been lied to by his immediate subordinates, abruptly announced, that he would no longer be available at the White House beyond January 1969. He accused the US intelligence services of being a 'Murder Incorporated' which operated beyond his control. He returned to his Texas ranch a disgusted, saddened, disillusioned and perhaps a wiser man.

All US presidents since Roosevelt have conducted their foreign policies on the basis of the mischievous concept, that the life of a single American is a thousand times more precious than the lives of men, women and children anywhere else. The only other nation, which lives by a similarly sick concept of the

value of human life, is Israel. There, each and every casualty on the Israeli side is stead-fastly revenged, tenfold, by killing Palestinians, including stone throwing children.

Harry Truman demonstrated this concept ostentatiously by killing 88.000 Japanese men, women and children in Hirosjima alone; in order to prevent the further loss of treasured US lives during World War II. Hitler and Göring took a similar decision on May 13, 1940. If Holland did not surrender to invading Nazis, Rotterdam would be bombed. Queen Wilhelmina opposed submission to blackmail. Holland only gave in to Hitler after the Luftwaffe wiped out the centre of Rotterdam. Truman repeated this Nazi trick on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Hitler and Truman were simply guilty of the same war crimes as far back as the forties.

Ever since World War II and the ascendancy to world power status, Washington has intervened at random everywhere. The Korean War (1950-1953), still with formal UN support, was the first massive military confrontation, claiming the lives of 33.629 US soldiers and 415.004 South Koreans. North Korea suffered the loss of an estimated 2 million. Washington still is accusing the Pyongyang rulers of being common outlaws, since the regime has different ideals and goals than those of Washington.

In Vietnam, Washington conducted military operations from 1958-1975. It was the first time the US choose to fight a war outside the Charter of the United Nations to which it was and is a signatory. The rest of the world, including the communist bloc, allowed American war crimes to happen in Asia, because there was little the UN or anyone else could undertake against them. In Holland during the sixties, anyone who called LBJ, then regarded as a friendly head-of-state, a mass murderer or a war criminal seriously risked being sent to jail.

America lost some 58.000 soldiers in Vietnam. About Vietnamese casualties less has become known, since no one really

cared. They run into the millions, courtesy the White House, the Defence Department, the CIA and various other terrorist organisations, all firmly established in Washington and surroundings, and destined to cause mischief overseas.

In addition to two big wars during the years 1950 to 1975 in Asia, the United States permanently conducted acts of terrorism on virtually all continents on the globe. North America is a corner of the earth, which has been spared from military conflict for almost two centuries. The US public came to accept as self-evident the notion, that fortress America was unassailable. Americans became blinded by a situation whereby they alone in the world could do as they pleased and shoot whomever they chose, realizing that literally no one in the world was in a position to retaliate anyway.

During the years of the cold War there was the constant threat of nuclear confrontation. This dire reality somewhat managed to curb Washington from unacceptably outrageous misbehaviour in world affairs. But after the collapse of the USSR, the field laid wide open to US unilateralism and Yankee dictate at all levels of international relations. Even the Kyoto Protocol on the world's environment was no longer an agreement the US was prepared to observe. The charter of the United Nations is being viewed in Washington as a nuisance for Washington. America has been indebted to the UN for many years and has never ever paid its dues on time, as most civilised countries did. Some idiotic US legislators are so old, and some even unable to walk anymore, they are wheeled in to help prevent the US from fulfilling its obligations to the UN.

Naturally, the 09-11 disasters left Americans in total shock. They had lived for far too long in a fool's paradise. For the first time, they realised that their nation was vulnerable to foreign attack after all. courtesy of 19 Arab kamikaze pilots, Pearl Harbour was repeated, but this time on US home ground. All the crazy talk by Reagan and Bush, father and son, about a shield

high up in the skies to ward off incoming missiles turned out to be a pipe dream. Put simply, Arab brains with incredible faith and courage transformed four US commercial airliners into extremely effective cruise missiles, made by Al Queda. What is it that motivated these young Arab students, often with excellent scholastic records, to sacrifice their lives in order to serve the United States of America some of its own medicine? They intended to notify Washington, that half a century of American terrorism in the Arab world - always in collusion with their Israeli partners - was coming to an end.

The Vietcong achieved in the 60's and 70's a similar result. The fall of Saigon and the flight by helicopter of US Marines from the roof of the embassy in Saigon was the first time in US history, that it was realised that half a million US soldiers and all the B-52's in the world had not been able to suppress the cry for freedom of the Vietnamese people. Clad in black pyjamas, Vietcong suicide commando's ended American terrorism in Southeast Asia. America suffered a severe Vietnam trauma in 1975, when Washington had to surrender to Hanoi. In my view, 09-11 was the beginning of the end of total US -Israeli hegemony in the Middle East. Again, America is fighting a losing war, and this time, against Arab freedom fighters. If Israel is not careful it will go down as well.

US commandos may find Mullah Omar of the Taliban, and summarily kill him. They might trace Osama bin Laden and shoot him. But, Washington should have learned by now from the humiliating defeat in Vietnam. The Muslim struggle for liberation and dignity cannot be fought of with any number of US Marines, commandos, B-52's or battleships. On 09-11 combative Muslims everywhere signalled the beginning of the final war for Arab independence from western imperialism. The 19 Arab young men on US airliners were genuine freedom fighters in the first line of defence, fighting US terrorism. What else could Al Queda have done to fire the very first shot

in the war of liberation, which only has just begun? How else to signal to US global cops in Washington bunkers, that the final Jihad for freedom, including freedom for the Palestinian people from continued Israeli terrorism, will be fought till the end? How else to drive home the message in Washington that the war to get rid of exploitive US oil companies, backed by fleets, soldiers and cruise missiles, which continue to plunder Arab energy riches, are numbered. Let alone, that the Arab masses finally want to rid themselves of US Quislings, disguised as kings and sheikhs, stealing themselves rich at the expense of the people.

Washington has, for more than half a century, been in the assassination business. Thus enabling the US to uphold the status quo to the advantage of Houston oil tycoons. Among them the Bushes and their cronies. During the entire second half of the twentieth century US Marines, Air Force pilots and countless CIA mercenaries have been involved in open or covert military murder operations. Always sanctioned by the White House through top secret decrees, hidden in top secret cabinets, and only to be released, at the earliest, fifty years from now. Even Nikita Khrushchev managed to have a US spy plane downed over the USSR that had no business being there at all. Outlaw behaviour in world affairs has become so characteristic of the White House, that many people have by now come to accept it as 'normal'.

The manhunt for Osama bin Laden is hardly the first time that a foreigner is a target for a massive US military chase. Most people in America readily believe that he is guilty, because the president has said so. However, since the early rise of the republic, the US system of Justice has been based on the golden rule that a suspect will not be accused until his guilt has been duly established by the courts. Poor Bush, in an hour of extreme crisis, he needed an immediate evildoer, whose guilt carried the most plausible inference. Soon, the entire western

world willingly accepted Bush's pointed finger. Osama's guilt of the 09-11 attack on America has not been established at all. His own reaction was, that he was not responsible for what had happened, but at the same time he was satisfied that America had finally experienced civilian casualties at home.

Having lived from 1958-1992 in New York, the blind acceptance of taking the US president at his word, was to me the more surprising, because Americans should be by now aware, that pronouncements coming from the White House too often compare to the notorious tales of Baron von Münchhausen. Or, even worse, border on the classic lies and fabrications used by Hitler's minister of propaganda, Joseph Goebbels, who assured Germans they were winning, while in fact they were going to hell.

There have been scores of bin Laden offenders in the past who were pursued in the same aggressive fashion. American pilots over Afghanistan were telling CNN that they feel like being on a Kentucky duck shoot. In this case, the sitting ducks were innocent Afghan civilians who had nothing to do with the Taliban, nor with Al Queda, but who happened to be in the firing line. There is not much difference between an Afghan villager milking a cow being hit by US bombs, and a secretary behind a computer in the Manhattan World Trade Centre being hit by action of an Arab suicide bomber. The difference being, that the Arab students would never have attacked the US in New York and Washington, had America not been criminally misbehaving for dozens of years towards Arabs, Palestinians and Muslims in general.

Names like Nasser, Lumumba, Sukarno, Castro, Guevara, Sihanouk, Nkrumah, Allende, Bishop, Noriega, Ortega, Bhutto, Qadaffi, Saddam and many other Afro-Asian and Latin American rebels come to mind. Washington has always felt free to unilaterally decide whether these fighters against US imperialism and terrorism qualified to be assassinated, simply ousted,

even when they were legitimately and democratically chosen, or whether they should be send into exile. If anyone happened to stand in the way of what the White House considered a preferred course of action to promote its global interests, to the minds of US presidents and congressmen alike anything was allowed. Shooting an unwanted basterd was often considered the easiest solution. Recently, Roland Lumumba (42), the son of the first democratically elected Prime Minister of the Congo, was my guest in Amsterdam. Ask him how American and Belgian terrorists saw to it that his father was hacked to death. Or, ask the family of Salvador Allende, democratically chosen as president of Chile, how he was murdered by courtesy US terrorists, including Henry Kissinger.

Ever since World War II, when the United States became increasingly more of an imperialist global player, US governments hardly lost sleep over millions of dead people everywhere. These casualties were a direct result of terrorist interventions approved by the White House. The Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961, for instance, was a straightforward act of US State sponsored terrorism. So was the move by Father Bush to dispatch 36.000 military to Panama to pick up his former CIA pal, Manuel Noriega and stow him away in an underground prison in Florida to be never heard of again. Daddy was already a first class terrorist, so what to expect from his lowbrow son?

In 1958 the CIA organised, armed and financed a coup on the island of Sumatra to overthrow President Sukarno of Indonesia. This too was a clear-cut act of US state terrorism against the largest Muslim country in the world. In all, there were five direct CIA sponsored assassination attempts on Sukarno's life. JFK re-established normal relations with Indonesia. But soon after he was killed, LBJ agreed to preparations for a second full-scale armed coup against Sukarno. On October 1, 1965 general Suharto committed high treason and grabbed power in Jakar-

ta. The CIA fully supported this criminal. His fascist military dictatorship remained in power till 1998, fully financed by Washington and other western nations, including the kingdom of Holland. All the rich nations of the west plus Japan were acting as terrorists towards Muslim indonesia in supporting the bloodthirsty mass killers.

The American public is largely unaware of the extend of the mischief, that American presidents have allowed to be directed towards other nations and peoples. The CIA and the US embassy in Jakarta supplied Suharto with lists of names of Indonesians considered security risks. The coup general indeed launched a nation-wide hunt for these suspects. He got so much the taste for bloodletting, that he decided to slit a few more throats. Suharto became responsible for unleashing his paracommandos on his own population, because that was what the CIA told him to do. Hundreds of thousands of innocent Indonesians were cut up with knives to save bullets and were dumped into rivers. Washington even assisted Suharto to construct on a far away island a concentration camp for more than 100.000 innocent people, into a classic concentration camp. Henry Kissinger did the same for chile in assisting Augusto Pinochet to arrange for a similar island-camp.

Suharto released them after a dozen years, but saw to it that their identification papers were branded Tapols or ex political prisoners. Hitler ordered Jews to wear yellow stars. What is the difference? Tapols were likewise earmarked by Suharto, making them social outcasts for the rest of their lives. The Nazis dealt with European Jews the same way prior to sending them to extermination camps.

Suharto was a genuine CIA puppet. They were his protectors. Washington was his principal financier and arms supplier enabling him to kill more of his people. America is still protecting this terrorist. All efforts to bring this criminal to justice by the newly and democratically chosen government in Jakarta

are thwarted, because Washington will not allow it. The golden rule being, that any former CIA collaborator, no matter what crimes he may have committed, will be protected by Washington till death. Most voters and US citizens are not aware of these details concerning US crimes overseas. They do not realise, that, decisions regarding matters of life and death for many millions are being made in their name in Washington by a number of individuals in government who are getting away with terrorism.

When Indonesians hear George Bush proclaim that the only thing America wants to do is to bring Osama bin Laden to justice for being responsible for killing three thousand Americans on 09-11, they ask themselves: Why then are we not being allowed by the Bushites to bring Suharto to justice for the massacre of half a million innocent Indonesians? The short answer: Americans themselves are terrorists of the worst kind. The long answer: the general public has no clue what evil the people they voted into office, are capable of. They naively assume that Congress is in control. It is not. US democracy is in reality one gigantic smoke screen to fool the masses, behind which crooks and so-called professional politicians play their dirty, and often criminal, games.

Some time ago, a Spanish judge was so naive, that he thought it possible to prosecute another US protected fascist dictator, Augusto Pinochet, the Suharto of Chile. He, too, was brought to power by a coup engineered by the CIA . Journalist Christopher Hitchens tells the Kissinger story in *The Trial* (Verso Publishers, New York, 2001). He convinces the reader in no uncertain terms, that the most powerful man in the Nixon Administration is a common war criminal, who should be shipped off to the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague.

The Spanish judge succeeded in messing up Pinochets life for several years, but again, it turned out to be completely impossible to bring this war criminal to justice, because he too

was protected by Washington till his last breath. Americans should not be surprised that many Chileans despise and hate them for the many crimes the CIA accomplices and murderers committed against their people. Naturally, more and more people in Latin America have come to realise how the gringo's are indeed manipulating, subverting and exploiting them. That is what Fidel Castro and Che Guevara have been telling them all along since 1959.

Following 09-11 Americans have repeatedly been asking themselves, why do foreigners hate US so much? Here is one answer. Yankees should understand that, for instance, millions of Muslims in Indonesia have not forgotten how the CIA saddled them with a bunch of outlaw fascist generals from 1965 to 1998. Their nation was also robbed, looted and burdened with billions and billions of dollars in national debt in collusion with their so-called US partners, investors and benefactors.

That's why millions of Indonesians are not exactly fans of the Stars and Stripes and would rather see Yankees disappear forever. They realise only too well, how their new emerging nation has been ransacked, plundered and stripped of its riches by so-called friendly US businessmen and robber barons, which have turned the traitor Suharto and his cronies into gangsters and billionaires.

Perhaps, Washington had maintained a hidden agenda all along when it seemed interested in promoting Indonesian independence in 1949 and brought pressure on the Dutch to abandon their Asian colonies. Not to speak of the Japanese, who wanted their own piece of the archipelago natural riches. Indonesia is the home to some 10 per cent of the remaining tropical forests in the world. Suharto, and a crook by the name of Bob Hasan, now in jail, (because the CIA had no interest in protecting him), allowed rapacious deforestation to line their private pockets with dollars and yens. The Harvard Laboratory of Tropical Forest Ecology recently discovered, for

instance, that in the 90.000 hectare Gunung Palung National Park on the island of Borneo, two-thirds of this tropical treasure had been destroyed by loggers working for Suharto and Hasan. No less than 210 million cubic feet of logs had been stolen at 252 illegal sites along 13 rivers.

For more than thirty years, US sponsored gangsters had their way in Indonesia. And, yes, many Indonesians sympathise with bin Laden, and how Arab freedom fighters that had succeeded in raiding New York and Washington. Finally, one of their own had done to the US , at least in part, what Americans had been doing to them for many years. Why would Indonesians not be entitled to avenge half a million deaths suffered at the hands of a CIA installed dictator, when Washington feels free to start an all-out global war in revenge for the killing of 3.000 Americans?

When in 2000, Abdurrachman Wahid was interim President of Indonesia, a visitor from Washington descended on Merdeka Palace in Jakarta. It was business consultant Mr. Henry Kissinger. Apparently Wahid remembered, that once Sweden had bestowed a Nobel Prize on this man. Therefore he was received with full honours. Incidentally, both the Swedes and Wahid conveniently overlooked the fact that it had been Henry's genius in running foreign affairs on behalf of another villain, Richard Nixon, that had expanded the Vietnam war to Laos and Cambodia. It was Kissinger who was responsible for some of the most intense and prolonged bombing campaigns during the second US war in Asia. That terrorism alone makes him a first class candidate for the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague. But, then, Kissinger enjoys CIA and White House protection. Milosevic doesn't.

Henry had come to Jakarta on behalf of the US mining interests on the Indonesian island of Irian Jaya. With their fascist protector Suharto under house arrest, some US businessmen had asked Henry to bombard poor Wahid with sufficiently

strong words, to have him quickly revoke the newly raised taxes on profits of US companies in Indonesia. Actually, Wahid became so impressed with Kissinger's barrage of reprimands and complaints, that he announced afterwards to waiting journalists, that he had invited the gentleman from Washington to become special advisor to the President of Indonesia. The Talleyrand of US war crimes had become councillor to the largest Muslim nation in the world. Too often, truth is stranger than fiction.

Were communists committing terrorist or imperialist crimes in Indonesia? Were the Chinese guilty? Or the Soviets? No, not at all. After Indonesia declared Independence on August 17, 1945, the newly born nation was first faced with Dutch terrorism until 1950. In fact, it was Washington that blackmailed Holland into turning over power to Sukarno. The Truman Administration threatened to cut off post-war Marshall Plan Aid to the Dutch if the war against Indonesia wasn't halted. Indonesians assumed the Americans were sincere in supporting their struggle for freedom. However, they were soon to discover, that Washington was only eager to get the former colonialists out in order to replace them as fast as possible. Americans were to become the most avaricious and unscrupulous imperialists Indonesians had ever known.

US domination over foreign lands and their resources is always being backed up by battleships, aircraft carriers and highflying B-52's stationed at military bases around the globe. Lately, airfields in former Soviet central Asian states have become available for the further expansion of US imperialism. In all corners of the world one finds armed opposition to this unstoppable movement of American military, economic, industrial and financial totalitarianism, from Colombia to Indonesia. Al Queda is but one of many resistance groups that intend to try to halt the further spread of US hegemony.

One reads in amazement what the US deputy Secretary of De-

fence, Paul Wolfowitz, talking to James Dao and Eric Schmitt of the *The New York Times* (January 9, 2002) has to say. He bragged about the US victory in Afghanistan and said that Washington was precipitously looking around as to where to go next with its War on Terrorism. From his words it becomes clear why bin Laden is so popular among the suppressed peoples of this world. Wolfowitz came across as another arrogant Washington bastard convinced that the good Lord picked the United-States to bring law and order to this world.

Naturally, like father, like son, Bush II selected a bunch of notorious hawks to assist him in the White House in his quest to expand American power and influence over mankind. He needed as many he-men as he could find for the job. One such man with hair on his chest was Wolfowitz, ambassador to Indonesia in the eighties. There, he played ball with Suharto, the worst terrorist ever to have emerged from southeast Asia. He must have become an expert on the subject there.

Wolfowitz told Dao and Schmitt that President Megawati Sukarno, the eldest daughter of the founding father of Indonesia was 'extremely weak', which undoubtedly is true. My own conversations with her confirm this. However, there is at this moment in Indonesian history no alternative for her. She won the election, because she could rally the people around her in the interests of unification and holding the archipelago of tropical islands together. Since the fall of military dictator Suharto in 1998 various independence movements emerged in Acheh, the Moluccas and Irian Yaja. Therefore, the reporters from the *Times* asked Wolfowitz whether the War on Terrorism would go to Indonesia next.

He replied that the Pentagon was indeed keeping a close watch on militant Muslims in Indonesia and their possible links to Osama bin Laden. 'We see a potential for Muslim extremists and terrorists to link up with Muslim groups in Indonesia and find a little corner for themselves in a country that is other-

wise unfriendly to terrorism,' he said. There already exists the Laskar Jihad, a Javanese group that caused considerable unrest on the neighbouring island of Sulawesi, leaving 500 people dead, burned 10.000 buildings and caused 80.000 people to flee.

Or will Yemen, Somalia, Sudan, Iraq or even North Korea be next? Bush promised a global war on terrorism. He talked nonsense. When will he realise, that he has set himself an impossible task? So far, much of Afghanistan has been destroyed in the search for bin Laden. Washington said it was chasing Mullah Omar, but he fled on a motor bike and disappeared. The principal fugitive is playing the Scarlet Pimpernel, I seek him here, I seek him there, and I seek him everywhere. Some US media have suggested that bin Laden had died during the heavy bombardments on the Tora Bora mountains. But then, surprisingly, the *Al Jazieera* television station will, any day soon suddenly cough up another video on which bin Laden, alive and well, outlines his ideas for future action.

Although the Taliban capitulated weeks ago, and Al Queda prisoners are already being flown to Guantanomo, that anachronistic, imperialistic US military base on Cuba (which should not even be there in 2002), US headquarters based in Tampa, Florida, controlling the war in Afghanistan, continued to order massive bombardments. Even a child in first grade knows that such wicked, murderous assaults are first class war crimes.

Rory Carroll reported from Qalaye Niazi in *The Guardian* (January 7, 2002), that three American aircraft, one B-52 and two B-1B's had destroyed the place. American Special Forces on the ground had radioed in, that they felt justified in carrying out the massacre since former Taliban elements were hiding there. That is what they had heard from local 'informants'. Obviously, they did not check and verify first. Off the bombers went, causing death and destruction. If that is not

terrorism under the direct responsibility of Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld, I do not know what is. They should all three be shipped off to the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague to keep Slobodan Milosevic company. They would discover that the former Yugoslav president is a better chess player.

A spokesman for the idiots in Tampa said that there was no proof that Bush's forces had caused collateral damage in Qalaye Niazi. In the mean time, the terrorists in the Bush White House have done and are doing the same all over Afghanistan. Reporter Carroll said, 'Bloodied children's shoes and skirts, bloodied school books, the scalp of a woman with braided hair, wedding decorations, were the sole remains of farmers, their wives and children, and the wedding guests.'

'The bombers', she continued, 'came early in the morning. Precision-guided bombs vaporised all five buildings in the village. A second wave an hour later hit people digging in the rubble, and, judging from hair and flesh on the edge of three 40 foot holes some distance from the complex, those trying to flee. Two days later villagers with shovels and tractors extracted the remains. A hand, an ankle, a bit of skull, sometimes an entire torso, and buried some in eleven graves, each said to contain several people, and relatives from Khost took some for burial in the mountains. When I arrived I still found just human scraps and the carcasses of sheep, dogs and a cow, circled ahead by two crows. One villager said 32 died. The UN said 52, including 10 women and 25 children. Mr. Mohammed said, at least 80 died. Other villagers said 92. Staff at the hospital at Gardeze said 107.' Bush' cronies in Tampa told the world: 'No collateral damage'.

Americans are super terrorists, with super bombs, super bombers, and super battleships and aircraft carriers. All dangerous and explosive toys in the hands of generals and admirals who play out their computer games on real people all over the world. Bush and Ariel Sharon have much in common. They

have immature brains of twelve year olds. They are both under attack by strong elements of the Muslim world. They enjoy far superior firepower compared to the Muslim freedom fighters battling against US and Israeli imperialism. Bush and Sharon are caught up in a cycle of violence in which they have become entangled and do not know how to end it without losing face. Contrary to Clinton, Bush does not even talk to Yasser Arafat. It underlines what a pathetic fool the man is, and now the most ruthless and most powerful 'leader' in the world thanks to the election he stole.

Ever since World War II, Washington has become more involved and deeper entangled in a web of hotspots throughout the world. The US walked from one trap into the other. Because being convinced that humanity should unconditionally adopt the US way of life, they were blind to such simple facts, that perhaps peoples, civilisations and religious systems were somewhat older, considerably wiser and in some cases more respectful human beings than a bunch of nouveau riche Texas oil tycoons. Opposition against America telling people what to do, and hat was best for them, rose everywhere. After World War II, Washington ran into quite an unusual collection of bin Ladens in this world. The CIA was ordered to seek out most of them and if necessary kill them. The first democratically elected Prime Minister of the former Belgian Congo, Patrice Lumumba, was simply hacked to pieces, because Belgians and Americans did not like was he was saying. In 1961 it was called the Cold War. Waged in fear of the USSR, and enabling Washington to commit terror everywhere under the auspices of a crusade against Marxist infidels.

Another early rebel was Fidel Castro. John Kennedy wanted him poisoned or assassinated at any price, because if Cuba were to become a socialist paradise, the Latin American domino's would fall one by one. Where was American monopolistic capitalism going to end up, but in the gutter? When all at-

tempts on Castro's life failed, Washington concentrated on strangling the Cuban people through a total blockade. That, my dear Yankee readers, is state terrorism too. Who gave you the right to intervene with assassinations, coups d'etats, B- 52's, when former colonised and exploited peoples and states, taken advantage of by you and other exorbitantly rich nations, were trying to build a new and different society from the USA, states in which people come first and in which multinationals, banks and crooks in the oil business and pimps come last.

On 09-11 the western media screamed that bin Laden was the most wanted criminal in the world, sought by the White House dead or alive. When JFK was killed in Dallas, the same media screamed, Castro had ordered Lee Harvey Oswald to commit the crime of the century. No such thing ever happened, as we were soon to find out. I went to visit mother Marguerite Oswald in Fort Worth, who had spoken with her son at Dallas Police headquarters accompanied by Marina Oswald, her daughter in law. Lee convincingly denied that he killed JFK. He had been set up by the CIA as a fall guy.

A few days later, he himself was shot inside police headquarters by an obscure nightclub owner, Jack Ruby. In practical terms, this meant, that Washington could now tell the world that the dead man was definitely the assassin of the president. Castro's supposed responsibility fort the shooting disappeared from the front-pages as fast as it had arrived. Perhaps, history is repeating itself in connection with bin Laden and 09-11.

In the mean time, no one, including Oliver stone and his movie 'JFK' has ever managed to find an acceptable explanation for what really happened on November 22, 1963. When much later, the Abraham Zapruder film of the actual assassination surfaced, it clearly showed that bullets hit the president from two sides. Indeed, most Kennedy buffs agree that the Dallas assassination was a classic ambush executed with

military precision. Nevertheless, droves of Americans still think in 2002, forty years later that JFK was bumped off by a lone crazy pro-Castro assassin. I know from filming George de Mohrenschildt and other people close to Oswald, that he was in fact outspokenly pro Kennedy. People believe what they want to believe, even when rational explanations contradict their screwed up interpretations of reality.

Like everyone else most Americans are also in denial that conspiracies can be real. They developed mental blinkers to negate the existence of a long series of scandals like Watergate, Irangate, Irakgate and Enrongate, presently in full swing, and that these do reflect what really goes on in Washington, and especially in the Oval Office of the so beloved White House. A surrealistic taboo hangs over secret activities of 'an invisible government' which operates independently of even the president himself who at times is in tandem with the super secret intelligence services. People don't want to think and hear about it, let alone know.

Psychologist Daniel Goleman quoted Henrik Ibsen from one of his plays explaining this weird mechanism in our heads is able to replace 'a less comfortable truth with a vital lie'. (*Vital Lies, Simple Truths, The Psychology of Self Deception*, Simon & Schuster, New York, 1985). In other words, an opinion is being formed and held on to, with several important pieces of information missing from awareness. A lacuna or a hole in attention creates a blind spot that is an apt psychological metaphor for our failure to see things as they really are. It is so much easier to say to oneself, Oswald killed JFK, Sirhan Sirhan killed RFK and James Earl Ray killed Martin Luther King. Princess Diana died in a car crash. Her driver was tired, and used dope. He lost control over the Mercedes. That's why she and her lover, Muslim playboy Dodi al-Fayed, plus chauffeur Henri Paul perished. Only bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones survived. Most people automatically accept a vital lie as a com-

fortable truth, unwilling to even think of a possible planned murder of the princess.

But then step by step we learned more details of what really happened, who the dead people's enemies were, and why powerful forces wanted them to die. Gordon Thomas published *The Secret History of the Mossad.* (St. Martin's Press, New York, 1999). For the first time, as the result of a lengthy investigation, we read details about how the Israeli Intelligence Service followed the romance between the young mother of Prince William, heir to the British throne, and her Muslim lover, the son of billionaire Mohammed al-Fayed. The Israeli spying establishment looked upon a rich Muslim penetrating the British royal family as a dangerous development with unforeseen consequences. This opinion was held by the Mossad on the basis of facts. How did they obtain them?

It turned out that surveillance of the couple by ECHELON, one of NSA's (the US National Security Agency) most sensitive and ultra-secret spy systems had 1050 pages of conversations between Dodi and Diana documented. Father Mohammed al-Fayed is engaged in a ferocious court battle to obtain these documents. 'This global electronic network is of truly astounding proportions', wrote Thomas. 'It links satellites to a series of high-speed parallel computers. The system enables the NSA and those it allows to share information - Britain is one - to intercept and decode virtually every electronic communication in the world.'

When Dodi entered Diana's life, they automatically became part of ECHELON's activities. In 1997, father al-Fayed was added to the linkup spy satellites. This meant, in practice, that ECHELON obtained records, for instance, picked up on conversations between Dodi and Diana vacationing on the yacht 'Jonikal' off the coast of Sardinia. Diana was tense and nervous, because they were followed everywhere by boats with journalists and photographers. On August 28, 1997 she begged

Dodi to immediately leave for Paris. A Gulfstream IV private jet was ordered to fly the next day to France. Thomas ascertained from his sources in Washington, that the NSA tapes confirm the couple intended to get married, just as father Mohammed al-Fayed had said.

The father hired among others a former senior scotland Yard detective, John MacNamara, who located a former M-16 officer, Richard Tomlinson in Switzerland. He testified that he had seen documents in the M-16 office in Paris, for a plan to murder Slobodan Milosevic in similar fashion in a tunnel. The former Yugoslav president should use this information in his court battle against Carla del Ponte, the CIA hired puppet and so-called 'independent prosecutor' of the infamous War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague. The winners of a war always go free, while too often they committed the same crimes, and worse, as the losers did.

'The weapon of choice, the document recommended, was a high-powered laser beam that could be used to temporarily blind the driver of the target vehicle', wrote Gordon Thomas. This method had been used in other assassinations by M-16. After his revelations, Tomlinson was banned from the US, Australia and France, because he had committed a political crime in breach of the Official Secrets Act. Only Switzerland offered him sanctuary.

Even during the flight from Sardinia to Le Bourget in Paris the couple was monitored by ECHELON, and their conversations were downloaded to computers at Fort Meade in Maryland. From there the relevant passages were transmitted to GCHQ, Britain's communications centre. Thomas discussed this matter with one of the most colourful israeli spymasters, Ari Ben-Menashe. For ten years (1977-1987) he had served in the ERD (External Relations Department) of the Israeli Defence Forces. 'You are very close to being on the button', Ben-Menashe told Thomas,' how close I cannot tell you'. AI-Fayed even

tried to hire Ari Ben-Menashe, but did not succeed. The father fights a truly an uphill battle to discover the truth behind his son's and Diana's death. How can a Muslim win in western courts?

These events come to mind when taking a closer look at 09-11. Osama bin Laden's statement afterwards indicated that he had not been in charge of that operation, but was otherwise pleased that it happened. It had become high time that Americans were shown in the flesh, what the sending of cruise missiles over other lands really meant. Perhaps, bin Laden maintained, it made sense to show Americans, for the first time since the British burned the White House in 1812, what effect explosions like these were having on people, homes, buildings and life in general.

Later, US ground troops said that they had found a video in a former Al Queda dwelling, on which bin Laden, or someone resembling him, was discussing the attack on the WTC building. On this recording he recalled, that he had replied, when asked as a construction engineer, what would happen if an airliner flew into the WTC tower, that perhaps a couple of floors would collapse. He also said he never imagined that the structures would come down in their entirety. Do these words, if the man on the video indeed was bin Laden, proof that he was in charge of operations on 09-11?

Washington was at the time bombing Iraq for ten long years, while in the same way thousands of people in the former Yugoslavia had died from US and NATO air attacks. Washington had armed and financed a proxy guerrilla army of Albanian bandits and Mafioso to oust Slobodan Milosevic from power, the last Communist potentate on the Balkans. The Pentagon and the CIA repeated this trick by arming and financing so-called northern alliance troops in Afghanistan to do the dirty work on the ground for them. Hardly any US lives were lost, because US bombers stayed safely out of reach of antiaircraft fire or ground to air missiles.

It should also be taken into account, that, whenever Muslim resistance leads to hard actions, whether in the Middle East or anywhere else, these acts of defiance are announced to the world. No such declaration of responsibility for what happened 09-11 in the US has been forthcoming from anybody in particular or from among the numerous Muslim liberation movements and freedom fighters anywhere.

What if the 09-11 cataclysm originated from some other drawing table? Suspicion must first be directed towards the US itself. No power in the world operates as many virtually uncontrolled top secret state terrorist murder operations as Washington does, often with full acquiescence and even on orders from the White House. I am hardly alone in using these specifications for the true face of America. The Kennedy family never dared to breathe the word CIA again out of fear for the life of Ted or the lives of many young men among new generations of Kennedy's. The dark forces of the secret US state Mafia organisations prefer by far to have Bushites at the helm. It enables them to continue their worldwide murderous operations with firm support from the top. One recent example, mentioned here, was the disaster in Qalaye Niazi.

Bush and Blair are screaming that bin Laden and Al Queda are guilty as hell. Are they really? The two honourable gentlemen never offered proof that would stand up in court. Are we to take Bush and Blair, both notorious for spreading blatant lies about their actions in Afghanistan, Iraq and Yugoslavia, at their word? How often did American president's lie to the people beginning with FDR on Pearl Harbour? I rather listen to Clinton lying about receiving oral sex from Monica Lewinsky in a side-room of the presidential mansion, than Bush hiding thousands of Afghan deaths from the public. The latest sick yoke is that Bush and Blair are being considered for the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize.

As far back as the early seventies, the US Senate launched an

investigation after a series of rumoured acts of terror by US Intelligence services. In record time, the Senator Frank Church Commission unearthed so many US dirty tricks, illegal murders, and acts of clear cut terrorism, both inside as well as outside the country that efforts were made to curb the cloak and dagger boys with new rules and regulations. Needless to say, nobody ever observed them. But after Bush II and his super hawks descended upon the halls of power, all hell broke loose again. Everybody knows that anything goes now. The Secretary of Defence, Donald Rumsfeld has said so more than once. The Church Commission discovered, for instance, that in the early sixties Washington was determined to oust Sukarno, father to his nation. Vice-president Richard Nixon welcomed him in 1956 on his first visit to the US, with the words: 'You, Sir, are the George Washington of Indonesia.' Well, founding father or not, the US replaced him with a fascist military dictator, Suharto. This criminal managed to stay in power from 1967-1998, only because the US, Holland and other rich nations protected his regime with arms and money. However, Indonesia will never be the same again. Many years of US promoted fascism into the lives of 220 million Indonesians has changed the face of this archipelago forever, and I mean for the worst. It might even disintegrate altogether.

Washington has been a terrorist capital for more than half a century. All those years, dirty tricks took place about which the outside world heard little or nothing of. When Eisenhower and John Foster Dulles were preparing for the 1958 CIA coup in Indonesia, smart guys within the CIA figured a way to hurt sukarno. They planned to damage the widespread admiration and affection held by his supporters.

In 1974, the US Senate Frank Church Commission discovered proof that the CIA had a Filipino man undergo plastic surgery in order to become a Sukarno look-alike. Next, they filmed this man in compromising sexual encounters with ladies of

questionable morals. This product of US slander was titled, *Happy Days.* In his book, *The American Police State,* with as subtitle, *The Government against the people,* (Random House, New York, 1967, p.p. 183-184), journalist David Wise noted, that the House Intelligence Committee discovered in addition that millionaire Howard Hughes had acted as casting director.

Therefore, given the history of the CIA, no-one should be surprised if some time in the future another congressional committee will establish, that the bin Laden video found in Afghanistan, was just another carefully fabricated self serving by product of the CIA. A desperate effort to hand Bush and Blair the much desired definite proof, that bin Laden was guilty. Perhaps he is. But let no one be fooled by the kind of proof that Washington wants us to accept as the truth and nothing but the truth. Most Indonesians indeed have assumed for many years that the man in *Happy Days* having sex with a streetwalker indeed was sukarno. Again, millions of people around the world are probably thinking that the man on the video is bin Laden. This is far from certain, since the source is Washington.

Anyone with reasonable intelligence should hesitate in taking Bush at his word, considering the history of the perennially lying US presidents. In any case, the man has already become notorious for his ridiculous remarks, since entering the White House. Perhaps, the most famous miscue so far, was his observation following his first encounter with Vladimir Putin, after two hours, he said, that he had looked the Russian in the eye and he, Bush, knew that the man could be trusted. Anyone, serving in the Oval Office uttering such unmitigated nonsense is a threat not only to himself, but also to the world. No doubt, heavier weather lies ahead for all of us.

In 1967 someone wanted to get rid of Robert Kennedy, because he was on his way to the White House. US warmongers remembered that his brother had intended to wind down

the war in Vietnam. In 1970, on assignment for Dutch television, I interviewed some of JFK's and RFK's top advisors, like McGeorge Bundy, Theodore Sorensen, Michael Forestall and Arthur Schlesinger Jr. They all confirmed in one form or another that if JFK were to be re-elected in 1964, the war in Vietnam was to be ended.

Several prominent Afro-Asian leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru (India), Sukarno, Norodom Sihanouk (Cambodia), Abdel Gamal Nasser (Egypt), Kwame Nkrumah (Ghana), Modibo Keita (Mali), Sekoue Toure (Guinea) and others visited JFK and had communicated their views to him. The Kennedy's became convinced that it was not worth the price the US was paying to stop Vietcong terrorists, who, in fact, were classic freedom fighters. Americans disapproved of Ho Chi-minh, but it was crystal clear that the Vietnamese largely supported this charismatic leader. This love and admiration for the Vietnamese father figure led to their decisive victory over a super-power.

The murder of RFK actually led directly to the Nixon era in US foreign affairs, and thus, to the bloody continuation of the Southeast Asian conflict. In the same way: the stealing of the election of 2000 lead directly to the War on Terrorism by Bush II. Hordes of Americans refuse to take talk about Washington conspiracies seriously in spite of the more than obvious fact, that the US has been experiencing a series of conspiracies for decades.

Europeans never swallowed lock, stock and barrel the Warren Commission's fable that what happened November 22, 1963 at Dealey Plaza in Dallas was indeed the lone work of a deranged Oswald, who had simply decided to bump off JFK for his own private pleasure. The majority of Americans continued in this fantasy even after seeing with their own eyes, that bullets had hit the president from two sides. After delivering a speech RFK walked through the kitchen of the ‘Ambassador Hotel’ in Los Angeles and was shot by Sirhan Sirhan for the

simple reason, that the young man had not liked what Bobby Kennedy had said about the PLO.

In spite of a series of such shootings, like the killing of the Reverend Martin Luther King or the attempted assassination of Governor George Wallace of Alabama, another opponent of Nixon, Americans, in general, steadfastly refuse to admit that raw violence and crime in politics could be related to premeditated evil intend. Americans prefer to close their eyes for the rough realities of what their country has become. They daydream collectively about being the greatest nation on earth and truly believe that the world will only be saved if we all become willing clones of the US way of life.

After the despicable spectacle of US democracy at work, ending with this Bush II being inaugurated as 'leader of the free world', journalist Daniel Lazarre wrote *The Velvet Coup,* (Verso Publishers, New York, 2001). He argued forcefully, that America's antiquated government was in a state of chronic breakdown. The US entered the 21st century with the institutions of an 18th century government. A constitutional overhaul was imperative to prevent the recurrence of insane events, as witnessed during the last election. In the mean time, without having to shoot anyone, Bush got into the White House, and, like his father, became almost immediately involved in violence abroad.

The cancer of invisible, uncontrolled and co-spiritual forces in Washington has been rampant since World War II. In 1964, two prominent journalists, David Wise (*Herald Tribune*) and Thomas Ross (*Chicago Tribune*) wrote *The Invisible Government* (Random House, New York, 375 pages). It was the first time, that, as a Dutch journalist working in New York since 1958, I realised that the US government, including the White House, was hotbed of dirty politics and criminal behaviour in foreign affairs.

I lectured those days for W. Colston Leigh, in New York. I spoke

to audiences, coast to coast, on my reporting trips to Indonesia, Cuba, Congo and other hotspots of the sixties. It was clear to me that audiences were also totally unaware of this epochmaking Wise-Ross report. It spelt out clearly that it perhaps appeared as if the US was ruled by a visible White House, Congress and government machinery. In reality, the more sinister side, invisible to public scrutiny, is that the White House, numerous Intelligence Services and the CIA are going their own merry ways, doing as they see fit, virtually uncontrolled.

This authoritative book made it abundantly clear, that no lessons are being learned from history at all. Much of the secret information about the activities of a dozen secret agencies in Washington remains hidden from the public. And books like the report by Wise and Ross in 1964, or *The Secret Team* (Prentice-Hall, New Jersey, 1973) by former White House aide, Air Force colonel L. Fletcher Prouty, remain unknown and unread by US voters. Hence, the invisible forces continue their conspiracies, which remain a chilling reality.

How long did it take the US public at large to finally hit the streets and force an end to the massacres and war crimes of the US government in Southeast Asia? It took fifteen years and millions of deaths. Thanks to the killing of RFK, Richard Nixon became, in 1968, the most promising candidate for the White House. I travelled as a TV reporter in March 1968 for one week on the plane of this president elect. Wherever we stopped in New Hampshire, I heard him emphatically promise, that he would make peace in Vietnam. He boasted that Eisenhower taught him how to end a military conflict, as he did in Korea. Naturally, all Nixon really meant to achieve with his phoney peace talk was to get former Kennedy supporters to vote for him. Once in the White House it was clear that Washington hawks had won again. Nixon stole the 1968 election, because someone had been kind enough to hire Sirhan Sirhan to shoot his original opponent. One of the significant differences be-

tween Europeans and Americans is that no one over here would have accepted for a moment the naive explanation by authorities, that a lone Muslim drifter had committed the crime against RFK.

When Nixon and his terrorist associate, Henry Kissinger, permitted themselves to enlarge the Asian battlefield with the kingdoms of Laos and Cambodia, they first arranged another fascist coup. They repeated US war crimes committed in Jakarta. They replaced Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the legitimate head-of-state, with CIA puppet marshal Lon Nol, a criminal traitor in the Suharto mode. Washington and the CIA were entirely responsible for the notorious Cambodian killing-fields that were a consequence of the US intervention.

In 1973, Sihanouk summed up his experience with US terrorism in his book, *My War with the CIA* (Allan Lane, London). Most Americans had never heard of Sihanouk or Cambodia. In the mean time, the democratically elected president and his national security advisor were causing death and destruction there as had never ever before been seen in the world. And all was done in the name of the US voters. US war crimes there also led to the rise to power of another bloody mass murderer Pol Pot. He additionally slaughtered hundreds of thousands of innocent people.

Americans seem to have conveniently forgotten what their very own worldwide record of war crimes has been. When now, they all of a sudden scream for and demand revenge, because 3.000 Americans died through a terrorist act, inflicted by those who have for dozens of years been the victims of US war crimes, to me, having reported for many years from Southeast Asia, this US hysteria over the 09-11 victims sounds wholly unwarranted, hypocritical and nuts. Finally, on 09-11, Americans came to feel what their victims of war had endured for forty years.

Therefore, while Americans interpret the murders of JFK and

RFK as a simple matter of acts by lunatics, in reality, Dallas and Los Angeles signalled death for millions of innocent people around the world as a result of wars waged by their successors, the LBJ and Nixon. Not forgetting that thousands of young Americans were blown to pieces following the terrorist foreign policy of their leaders.

Believe it or not, but after the drama at Qalaye Niazi and US bombs on the wedding party of Inzar Burhan Jan (15) to a local girl of his age on December 29, 2001, the *Herald Tribune* reported at the beginning of January 2002 on the continuation of massive daily raids on the town of Khost and vicinity. Washington said it believed that Al Queda escapees were returning there to former bases. Lieutenant colonel Martin Compton said in Tampa, Florida, that the purpose of the B-52s and B1-B raids was 'to render the Al Queda infrastructure unusable.' In addition, another Al Queda base at Zhawar had come under sustained US air attacks. These latest US bombs tested over the skies of Afghanistan are causing tunnellike holes. They pierce vertically into the dry earth for some nine meters or 30 feet. The *Tribune* noted that these projectiles were apparently meant 'for bunkers or underground chambers that were nowhere to be seen.' (January 10, 2001).

The Guardian presented details. January 7: Two air strikes on Zhawar Kili. A Navy F-14 drops two guided bombs on a building believed to be part of a terrorist training complex. Later a Navy F-18 drops two bombs on a bunker. January 10: Nine bombers and tactical aircraft drop guided bombs on buildings, caves and tunnels in Zhawar Kili. January 11-13: Continued bombing of Zhawar Kili using B-52 and B-1 long range bomber, and Navy F-18 strike aircraft. January 14: Heaviest bombings of the week in the same places. The Pentagon said it was trying to destroy caves to prevent Al Queda or Taliban remnants using them to regroup. And thus, US war crimes are continuing, to avenge 09-11, while the WTC and the Pentagon

were revenge attacks for half a century of US war crimes everywhere. Bush, who is an illiterate in US foreign policy, leaves the impression that in his mind world history began on 09-11. 'Day 100: Another raid in the bombing war without end,' read the headline of *The Guardian* on January 15, 2002. Suzanne Goldenberg reported from Zhawar, 'Overnight, the bombing was so heavy the windows shook in Khost, a town 22 miles from America's latest theatre of war. Fifteen people were killed two days ago in Shudiaki village...' The village was completely flattened. 'My house was destroyed', said Noorz Ali, 'my neighbours were killed. There were so many bombs I lost count. The dead remain there. Everybody else has left.' Those, Messrs. Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Powell, were undeniable war crimes committed by you in the name of the American people. This does turn all Americans into first grade terrorists.

Why are you killing Afghans? You seem to believe that you are entitled to murder these defenceless people, because they allowed Al Queda warriors to live in Afghan mountain caves. What kind of reasoning is that to justify massmurder? Another reason Bush gave for killing Afghans was that anything was permissible in the hunt for Osama bin Laden because the man was guilty. Where is the proof?

January 16, 2001, the *Herald Tribune* reported that the US Air Force continued scouring the mountain valleys for signs of Osama bin Laden and, perhaps still hidden, Al Queda fighters. In the mean time, ABC News released information, that the saudi fugitive had left the war theatre by ship over a month ago. The CIA was furious and called the ABC News report a fabrication. Time will tell.

In the mean time, indications are that the US and its European partners in crime have walked straight into a trap. Walter Pincus has already reported in the *Washington Post,* that Al Queda's strategy is unmistakably clear. After the temporary set-

back in Afghanistan the goal of the organisation is understood. Many key members of the organisation were instructed to leave and regroup elsewhere to resume the battle against the US colossus at another time in another place.

Dan Eggen and Michael Dobbs reported in the *Washington Post,* that following the big escape of Al Queda fighters from Afghanistan, US authorities remain deeply worried about further attacks on the US, or American targets overseas. After timely discovered plots against US embassies in Paris and Singapore, more attacks might already have been approved by bin Laden. 'They have been crippled,' a US law enforcement official told the *Post,* 'but Al Queda hasn't been put out of business by any stretch of imagination. They are still capable of doing a lot of damage.'

In the light of this statement, it must have sounded alarming to Americans, when US authorities were predicting that it could last up to six years before the Saudi resistance fighter would be caught. Both Bush and Rumsfeld keep saying whenever they have a chance, that they are certain bin Laden will be caught. At the same time Washington authorities stress that the fugitive might have escaped to some twenty different countries. China, Iran and Saudi-Arabia are high on the list. Mentioned next are Somalia, Yemen and Pakistan, while the many tropical islands in Indonesia and the Philippines also could offer the ideal hiding place.

Fortunately, after the initial period of hysteria and madness immediately following 09-11, more level-headed reporting is surfacing in respectable and renowned publications. *Newsweek* (January 21, 2002) is now admitting that Mullah Mohammed Omar, the chief of the Taliban, had been depicted in the US media as a monster with one eye, who buried homosexuals alive. But the magazine acknowledges that many people in Afghanistan still see him as a man of the people, who brought order to chaos following a ten-year war with the Soviets. He had also begun to crack down on endemic corruption.

The entire world is aware of the man's existence, but who has bothered to gather some reliable, unbiased information? Scott Johnson and Evan Thomas reported from Kabul. They traced the Mullah's driver, Qari Saheb. He described him as a man who used his simplicity to pose as a symbol of purity in a world of sordidness. His leadership model was Caliph Umar, a 17th century leader of Islam who would cloak himself in robes to be able to talk and travel incognito. Saheb told his interviewers, that Omar would slip out of his compound at night and alone - disguised and riding a cheap motorcycle - to talk to the common folk.

The Mullah's roots could not have been more humble. 'He was born on the side of a road and never received a decent education. His handwriting was so poor, that even his semiliterate chauffeur noticed,' reported *Newsweek*. 'He was a freedom fighter blinded in one eye by a Soviet shell in the 1980s. He became a legendary figure in the civil-worn-torn Afghanistan in the 1990s by taking revenge on sexual predators who were roaming the lawless streets. In the incident that made him famous, he caught a man who had raped a girl and hanged him from the barrel of a tank. Then he went after two tribal commanders who were bickering over which one would get to sodomize a pair of young boys they both coveted,' Johnson and Thomas reported.

Mullah Omar fought a war on decadence. He banned all forms of music, but riding in his car he listened to a CD of Saraji, a Taliban, who sold millions of patriotic war chants. Saheb recounted that Omar lived so simply, it was almost primitive. He built a house for his four wives and 12 children and had western toilets replaced by ground toilets. He preferred to ride a horse than use luxury cars. These details explain the closeness between him and bin Laden.

When reading the report by Yossef Bodansky, director of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional

Warfare in Washington (*The Man who declared War on America,* Random House, New York, 1999), I discovered for the first time in this authoritative description, what some of the basic characteristics of this mysterious man from Saudi Arabia are.

Washington pressured Saudi-Arabia in the early eighties to do more to aid the Afghans in their battle with the Soviets. Bin Laden was asked by Saudi Intelligence to form 'volunteer' mujahideen units to bolster the ranks of anti-Communist freedom fighters in Afghanistan. He formed a strike force consisting of Islamic volunteers and members of the White Guards, the Saudi Special Forces. Osama gained in a short time much praise, also from King Fahd, who showed his gratitude by offering him a contract for a project to expand the Mosque in Medina. His personal fee would be no less than 90 million dollars. Osama visited the king, refused the offer and refused the fee. 'Instead he passionately argued with the king', wrote Bodansky, 'for a greater Saudi commitment to and support for the Jihad in Afghanistan.'

The Congressional report made mention of a fierce battle of a combined Afghan-Arab force in 1987 under bin Laden's command. The mujahideen, who served with him, described him as fearless and oblivious to danger. Bodansky reported that Hamza Mohammed, a Palestinian volunteer, recalled: 'Bin Laden was a hero to us because he was always on the front line, always moving ahead of everyone else. He not only gave his money, but he also gave himself. He came down from his palace to live with the Afghan peasants and Arab fighters. He cooked with them, he ate with them, dug trenches with them. That was bin Laden's way.'

In 1989 Osama bin Laden returned to Saudi Arabia as a hero. 'The Saudi Government,' according to the US Congressional report, 'considered him a positive role model, and proof of its contribution to the immensely popular Afghan Jihad.' A million cassettes of bin Laden's speeches were openly sold in

Riyadh. The royal family accorded the construction firm of the bin Laden family many more lucrative contracts, showing their appreciation of what Osama had achieved in Afghanistan in the name of Islam.

Then, on August 2, 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, initially with Washington's blessing. Even father Bush announced, descending from an airplane, that the White House considered the matter an inter Arab affair. But, the Washington intelligence establishment felt differently. Here was a unique occasion for the US to extend its power in the Middle East. The invisibles convinced Daddy Bush to act as a macho Texan, since 1990 was also an election year. He ignored his earlier words, as if he had never said them and reversed his stand. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers were mobilised to fight against Iraq in Operation Desert Fox.

The Gulf War galvanised Osama bin Laden into what he has become, the leader of a Jihad against America. Washington immediately sent thousands of soldiers to the kingdom on the grounds that the House of Saud needed US protection against Saddam. Bin Laden opposed the invasion of an army of 'infidels' on sacred Muslim soil. This contradicted the teachings of Islam. He estimated that thousands of Americans would have a profoundly negative effect on the psychology, religion and culture of the nation and would disrupt the Saudi way of life.

Bodansky wrote that King Fahd and his coterie panicked when Saddam overran Kuwait. He ignored Osama's pleas. Riyadh opened in 1991 the doors to a stream of US led coalition forces. Dick Cheney, then the Secretary of Defence of Father Bush, assured the King, that 'US troops would not stay a minute longer than they were needed'. Fahd used that pledge to convince a meeting of 350 ulema in Mecca that the Yankees would depart the minute the conflict was over. Of course, Cheney lied then, as he is doing today for Bush II. Saudi-Arabia

still houses thousands of American soldiers on its soil. US airbases are in full swing and being used for military action against a brother Muslim nation. To bin Laden, this is a policy of treachery to the Arab cause. If Father Bush and Dick Cheney had been men of their word to King Fahd, who knows, 09-11 would have never happened.

The sharply different viewpoints between Saudi's, who agree with Bin Laden and his anti American Jihad and Saudi's who support the royal family, that for the time being sides with Washington, continue. However, there are growing tensions about the prolonged US military presence in the kingdom. Senior officials in the US Congress and at the Pentagon are becoming increasingly frustrated with Riyadh. They resent the Saudi's tepid support for the War on Terrorism.

King Fahd does not allow airfields in the kingdom to be used by US warplanes for attacks on Iraq or other Islamic countries. A pupil in first grade can understand why, but Washington lawmakers and Pentagon Air Force generals are at a loss to comprehend this refusal by the Saudi royal family. It is also a matter of money, of course. Washington invested rather heavily in a hightech air operations centre south of the Saudi capital at the Prince Sultan Air Base. US commanders do in the mean time direct the air war over Afghanistan from there. It is also the headquarters for allied fighter jets that patrol the no-flight zone over southern Iraq. King Fahd looks the other way. Bin Laden is opposed to any acts of war directed from Saudi soil at brother Muslim nations.

January 17, 2002 *The New York Times* reported on a series of ridiculous statements against Saudi allies by US lawmakers. Senator Carl Levin, Democrat from Michigan stated, that he had an uneasy feeling that US forces were not particularly wanted in Saudi Arabia. It was an understatement of formidable proportions. He added: ‘They act as though somehow or another they are doing us a favour.’.

What else could it be when Saudi royalty allows Yankee soldiers in their land other than extending a privilege? 'I think,' said Levin, who is also chairman of the Armed Services Committee in the Senate, 'we may be able to find a place where we are much more welcome openly.' Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Saudi ambassador to Washington reacted with the words, 'I have great respect for Senator Levin but I am surprised at his statement.' The Prince used diplomatic language to indicate that Levin did not know what he was talking about.

Former vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman, Democrat from Connecticut, added, that it seemed 'a theological iron curtain' was being drawn around Saudi Arabia and other Islamic countries that did not fight radical Islam. The problem with US lawmakers, who usually have no clue of what goes on in other parts of the world, is, that they fail to realise that the rise of radical Islam is simply a primary reaction to American imperialism seeking further expansion of its economic and military power.

Just as in the 1960s Che Guevara became a world-wide symbol of resistance against US imperialist expansion in Africa and Latin America, so too in the 1990s Osama bin Laden launched a Jihad against America. When reacting to 09-11, Bush promised that he would track bin Laden down. Lyndon Johnson did the same with Che. With the assistance of the CIA Guevara was shot like a stray dog in the mountains in Bolivia. Both Che and bin Laden will go down in history as infinitely better men, than Lyndon Johnson or George Bush.

Interestingly, even Saudi Arabia seems now to be finally moving into the direction that bin Laden had wanted ever since the Gulf War. The infidels have overstayed their welcome. Art Fleischer, spokesman for Bush, said that the president felt that arrangements with the Saudis worked well. Washington does not give a damn how Saudis feel, let alone, what the basic causes could be for a Muslim Jihad against the US. Secretary of

State, Colin Powell, a former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, ignorant in foreign affairs - just like Bush himself, or co-conspirators Cheney and Rumsfeld - declared, that rumours that the US would be asked to leave Saudi Arabia, did not warrant his attention at the moment. We will have to wait for what happens next.

Riyadh is already imposing rigid constraints on the behaviour of American military personnel. 'American service women are required to wear head-to-toe robes,' reported James Dao in *The New York Times.* A female US Air Force major launched a lawsuit about this imposition against the US military. The rule was eventually scrapped. It's simply mind boggling, that Americans have such difficulty in accepting customs, which are different from theirs. Eugene Burdick's bestseller, *The Ugly American* (1958) could have been written in 2002. Most Americans possess the silly attitude that the sooner the rest of the world adopts the US way of life the better, because Yankees know best what is good for the world. And, in last instance, what is good for the strengthening of the US dollar, of course. The disagreement between Osama bin Laden and King Fahd over the Saudi government's policy to meet Washington halfway, and avoid a head-on collision with its American oil customers, became unbridgeable. Osama was even warned, that Riyadh had hired the Pakistani intelligence service to kill him. So, he left for Khartoum, where a militant Muslim regime had come into power. It was there, between 1991 and 1993, that the former hero of the anti Soviet war in Afghanistan took a fresh look at the region, which was recovering from shock waves caused by operation Desert Fox. Bin Laden saw it as a humiliating defeat that the corrupt regimes in Saudi-Arabia and Kuwait had emerged as big winners. This following Father Bush's policy to side with undemocratic and cruel royal dictatorships rather than to recognise the legitimate democratic demands of Arab masses tired of being ruled

by US puppets and profiteers. Bush has been warning the world that bin Laden is the evil. But who is the real embodiment of a global terrorist?

The next five years, from 1992-1997, bin Laden set up legitimate businesses in Sudan. He opened a tannery, founded a transportation company and a construction concern. He also cornered the export of gum, sunflower and sesame products. He further invested 50 million dollars into setting up a new Islamic Bank in Khartoum. These business ventures were cover-ups for financing his global Jihad against American imperialism He also began to gather in Sudan the vanguard for an elite world-wide Islamic freedom fighter corps. *The New York Times* published in the middle of January 2001, shortly before the inauguration of the Bush II Administration, several pages filled with detailed information about the end-result: Al Queda.

In these articles, details surfaced about what US officials had learned from the 1993 bombing of the WTC in New York, when 6 people were killed and more than 1000 wounded. Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman was charged and convicted for being responsible for the attack. One of the other convicted bombers was Ahmad M. Ajaj, who had been trained in Pakistan and had brought back to the US a bomb manual. This was later seized by the FBI. These guidelines were translated. They contained diverse subjects, such as psychological war for Islam, the organisational structure of Israeli intelligence and recruiting methods in the US.

It further offered detailed recipes for making bombs, including instructions on when to shake the chemicals and how to use a wristwatch as the detonator. There were instructions on how to kill with toxins, gases and drugs. The preface of this manual was dedicated to bin Laden. While they had been confiscated by police in Europe for several years, the CIA got its first copy only at the end of 1999. 'They missed all that time the largest terrorist guide ever written,' CIA official Reuel Ge-

recht told the *Times.* Naturally, Al Queda rejects the label ‘terrorist’, because they consider themselves freedom fighters, as some of us did, during World War II, when we were fighting the Nazi invaders of Holland. Bin Laden went to Khartoum to organise resistance against what many Saudis saw as a US occupation of their fatherland.

Without Americans ever having fully understood the seriousness of bin Laden's motives, they nevertheless pressured the government in Khartoum to eject the Saudi warrior from the country. He returned in 1996 to Afghanistan, where the Taliban allowed him to organise a global Jihad against the United States. In February 1998, bin Laden announced his intentions to the world in Khost, the place Bush is presently having bombed into the Stone Age. A fatwa was declared: ‘To kill Americans and their allies, both civil and military, is the individual duty of every Muslim who is able, and it should be done in any country where it is possible.’

On August 7, 1998, eight years to the day after the first American troops set foot in Saudi Arabia, bombs exploded hours apart at the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. American prosecutors said that bin Laden had delivered on his threat. They also reported that they had proof that the Kenyan plotters had spoken directly to Osama bin Laden by satellite telephone as they planned their attack.

‘At the same time, US authorities acknowledged, that Al Queda and Mr. bin Laden have proven resourceful, resilient adversaries,’ *The Times* reported January 14, 2001. ‘He spent much of his personal wealth, from bank accounts that are now frozen. In spite of this, he is still raising money through a network of charities and businesses.’

It is safe to assume that Messrs. Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld, ready on that day to assume America's world power must have been quite alarmed reading these extremely disquietening pages in their morning paper. They must have placed Al Queda pretty high on their fresh White House agenda.

Referring to the earlier mentioned Fleming report on FDR as global warrior, it took me 60 years to realise, that a man, I was taught to revere and respect, was actually a disaster. The relevant information was not available at an earlier date. My misconception originated from the late forties during undergraduate classes in International Relations at Yale. Roosevelt was venerated and lionised by history professors, while we now know the man was a tragic figure. He even cheated on his wife as Clinton has done.

Bush junior arrived in the White House as a political invalid, accused of having played dirty games against Democrat Al Gore. During the first months of his rule, he scrapped 1350 billion dollars in taxes over a period of eleven years. But his conservative agenda boomeranged. The public hardly respected the new president. One Republican Senator became so disgusted over Bush' policies, he went over to the Democrats establishing a 50-50 balance in the Senate. Then, 09-11 happened.

As lightening from heaven Bush' fortunes changed. He declared a global war on Terrorism and the nation united behind him. Ideological controversies were quickly forgotten. His approval rate reached at one point 94. He was compared to Teddy Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan. Junior from Texas was all of a sudden ranked with the Greats. The question is however: how will Bush II be judged 60 years from now, when another history professor has had a chance to study the records and discover what really happened?

As late as 2001, Richard Reeves wrote a meticulous study about Richard Nixon, ‘Alone in the White House’. Vast oceans of words have been devoted to this man, who was in charge of a war in Asia for five years. But Reeves was the first writer to examine White House logs, diaries and official memorandums, as well as the notorious Nixon tapes. He discovered that the Nixon's White House was built on lies from A to Z.

'Nixon lied constantly to protect his isolation,' wrote John Stacks in *Newsweek* (October 15, 2001) discussing Reeves' book. 'He lied to his closest staff members, to his Cabinet, to the nation and to the world. The Nixon staff lied to one another and to the President. Then they wire-tapped one another, stole one another's files, examined one another's phone records, all in a hopeless effort to find out the truth under layers of lies. It was, Reeves wrote, a White House of lies, a house organised for deception. Even insiders themselves could no longer penetrate to reality.'

This was the real Washington more than 30 years ago, which most people inside or outside the US know next to nothing about. Anyone who might entertain notions, that the functioning of leadership at the helm by this Global Cop today, is any different from the Nixon days, and that it could never be worse, should have his head examined. Henry Kissinger, in the Reeves' study, turns out to be an even more serious lawbreaker than Nixon himself. For instance, based on documentary proof, Kissinger asked both the Soviets and the Chinese to join him in lies to deceive the US Secretary of State William Rogers. Nevertheless, in 2002 a list was released in Los Angeles, headed by Henry as being among the top 100 intellectuals of our time.

In the mean time, Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld are behaving like pigs in handling so-called Al Queda and Taliban members at Camp X-Rayon Cuba. 'They looked like beings from another planet as they emerged from the giant American transport in fluorescent orange jumpsuits, turquoise masks and blacked-out plastic goggles,' reported Tony Allen-Mills in the *Sunday Times* of London. (January 13, 2002). 'It was a small step at the time as the shackled detainees stumbled of their flight from Afghanistan but a giant leap in the dark for the US military base at Guantanomo Bay as the most unlikely stop in the US campaign against terrorism.'

The gentleman rancher from Texas, opened a jagged collection of four by four metres as open air cages for these men, raising a host of controversial judicial questions as to what extent Bush could be held responsible for this additional warcrime. On television, these shelters brought to mind pictures from the *National Geographic* showing how animal lovers were housing saved orang-utans on the island of Borneo.

These captives were even drugged for the 20-hour flight to Cuba. One lunatic US general told journalists that this had to be done, because bin Laden's followers were sufficiently fanatic that they would chew through hydraulic cables in order to crash the plane. The US seems to be holding 445 bin Laden men. In their cages they will get wet when it rains, acknowledged a US spokesman, but they will be served culturally appropriate food, which means, no pork. They were also given two large towels, one to be used as a mat for prayers. Nice guy, Bush, after all.

Kofi Annan, secretary-general of the UN, declared these men to be prisoners of war, entitled to treatment under the 1949 Geneva Convention. Secretary of Defence, Donald Rumsfeld, said, 'no, we consider them unlawful combatants'. *The Economist* noted: 'They do have rights; no matter how egregious their crimes and this will be true under any legal regime America chooses. Under international law, if not charged with a crime, they must be released. If charged, they must be told of the charges, and given a fair trial by a truly independent court. The Al Queda prisoners may well be unlawful combatants' under the Geneva Conventions, as Mr. Rumsfeld claims, but this fact alone would not deprive them of their basic rights.' (Volume 362, January 19, 2002).

John Simpson (BBC) wrote in the *Sunday Telegraph* (January 20, 2002) about the growing unease, also in Britain, with the cruel and inhuman treatment the Bush government is according to their prisoners from Afghanistan. 'After dominating the

moral high ground for months, Washington could now be shifting away from it without realising,' said Simpson. 'In places such as Pakistan, support for violent extremism fell away, but the way the US is treating its defeated enemies is helping to revive the monster.'

Simpson noted that most Americans find it hard to understand why distinguished jurists, human rights groups or Anglican bishops should be so worried about the prison conditions of men who have wholeheartedly supported terrorism. The word terrorist was first used to describe terror by the state, when the Jacobins launched their 'Reign of Terror' after the French Revolution. Much later, the *Oxford Dictionary* came up with a different interpretation: 'A terrorist is a member of a clandestine or an expatriate organisation aiming to coerce an established government by acts of violence against its subjects.'

British journalist, Anthony Sampson, wrote in the *Herald Tribune* (December 12, 2001), that the British Annual Register applied in 1947 for the first time this *Oxford Dictionary* formula. It referred to the blowing up of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, 'as the latest and worst of the outrages committed by Jewish terrorists in Palestine.'

In 1948, the Jewish state was unilaterally established. Palestinians opposed the Zionist take-over of their nation. Their land was simply stolen from them. The United States recognised Israel 11 minutes after independence was declared. Hence, Palestinians became the terrorists. Naturally, they began a struggle to regain their land. This battle has lasted more than half a century. Still in 2002, Palestinians and Jews are killing each other, by which the US and most of their allies call the Palestinians the terrorists. The fact is, they are genuine freedom fighters. Bin Laden, too, is on their side.

There is no difference, in my view, to our resistance movement against the Nazis, who invaded Holland (1940-1945) and

the resistance of Palestinians against the Zionist occupation of their homeland. Of course, Hitler and Himmler saw us, members of the Dutch underground movement, as terrorists. But, like the Palestinians, we were genuine freedom fighters. Most Palestinians look at Bush and Sharon, as we looked at Hitler and Himmler during the war. Having lived through a Nazi occupation, I don't blame them either.

'When terrorists are working for the state,' wrote Sampson, 'they are treated more politely than revolutionary terrorists. They are often two sides of the same coin. The terrorist and the policeman both come from the same basket, wrote Jospeh Conrad in the *Secret Agent.* But the vocabulary changes from one side to the other: I am a freedom fighter: You are a terrorist. In truth, state terrorism can often make revolutionary terrorism inevitable, when police oppression becomes intolerable and prevents any form of non-violent resistance.'

The US has practised state terrorism ever since World War II. Of the crimes committed by all presidents since Roosevelt, Bush Jr. resembles the state terrorism of the Nazis most. Hitler assumed he could dictate to Europe. Bush feels that he and his henchman can impose their will on the world. The thin veneer of US civilisation is further illustrated by the savage treatment of supposed Al Queda prisoners from Afghanistan. Why did Rumsfeld have to commit a gratuitous indignity on these men to have their beards shaved off? Little wonder, as this man is a leftover of the Nixon-Ford years. After all, the beard is for a devout Muslim, the key evidence of his obedience to his religion.

'Camp X-Ray looks like a particularly densely packed zoo,' reported Julian Borger in *The Guardian* (January 25, 2002). 'It may not amount to torture, but the cramped metal cages baking in the tropical heat seemed to belong to another more brutal era. This is a sort of Caribbean Gulag, and without doubt the scene before us would raise concern if it was being

run by another country.' Yet, Bush and the White House don't give a damn what anybody reports. Bush sees nothing and hears nothing. Who cares what anybody else thinks, on 09-11, 3.000 precious US lives were lost. The Bushites vent their feelings of revenge on Al Queda warriors, who most certainly had nothing at all to do with what happened that fateful day in the US.

At the start of the 21st century the moral and intellectual climate of US civilisation is clearly in a state of collapse. In historian Arnold Toynbee's terms, all living civilisations sooner or later break down. Harvard's Samuel Huntington spoke of a clash of civilisations. We are indeed witnessing one superpower leading a capitalist super Jihad, backed up by extensive arsenals of the most modern hightech weaponry pitted against poorly equipped guerrilla bands everywhere. With bare hands, they struggle desperately for freedom, dignity and their own place in the sun. Bush will not compromise. He will not accept any diversions from the silly dangerous warlike course he has chosen. He will not allow anyone to sabotage his global crusade to further once and for all the American way of life everywhere.

Naturally, there is widespread opposition and armed insurrection against US over lordship versus the global community. Therefore, in the face of overwhelmingly superior US firepower, we are witnessing, what William Butler Yeats called, 'The two eternities of race and soul.' That of race is reflecting the tribal past; that of soul, is anticipating on a cosmopolitan future. Benjamin Barber phrased this alarming development as the prospect of 'a retribalization of large swaths of humankind by war and bloodshed.' (*Jihad versus McWorld,* Balantine Books, New York, 1995).

Indeed, we can all look forward to a universal struggle as to who will be the ultimate Führer of the world. Both inside the US - remember JFK's fate in Dallas or the Oklahoma city bomb-

ing by Timothy McVeigh - and everywhere else, the global community is sliding towards ever more widespread terrorism. At least, opposition to the Top Gun in the White House is interpreted in Washington as global anarchy and terrorism. Apart from America's puppets in Western Europe, who have already been annexed, most of the rest of the world, with different cultures and religions, has not as yet been converted. But the Global Cop demands unconditional surrender by all to the US way of life. It's the same type of 'mission sacrée' and message that European nations took to the former colonies in Afro-Asia and Latin America.

When the future Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Rowan Williams, calls the US war in Afghanistan 'morally tainted and an embarrassment,' something is rotten in the state of Denmark. Williams, presently Archbishop of Wales, displayed qualities of eloquence, seriousness, cogency and humanity, when he called Bush's war 'a moral equivalent to the terrorism it sought to defeat.' The brain of the current American president wouldn't be able to understand what the Archbishop is talking about anyway.

The manner in which the Bush Administration handles foreign Affairs resembles that of Mussolini and his son in law, Count Galeazzo Ciano. In 1936 they committed aggression against Ethiopia. This brought the usefulness of the League of Nations in Geneva as an instrument for maintaining peace, to an end. Hitler seized the opportunity. He too, committed unilateral aggression and invaded Saarland, Austria and Sudetenland. When he repeated the aggression in Poland, he overplayed his hand. World War II began.

Bush and his three musketeers, Cheney, Powell and Rumsfeld, are dangerously close to doing as they please, just as the fascists of the thirties have done. Columnist Thomas Friedman signalled this tendency six weeks before 09-11 in *The New York Times.* 'For the Bush team', he wrote on August 1, 2001, 'be-

ing the world's leader means, Americans should be able to do whatever they want, unconstrained by treaties or multilateral agreements that might limit their consumption of resources (Kyoto Protocol), or their military power (the Anti-Ballistic Missile and nuclear testing treaties and the Biological Weapons Convention), or their insane gun laws (the United Nations pact on small arms).'

For six long years, negotiations were conducted on the subject of arms verification. 'And, then, America discovers its facilities, too, would have to be verified. The brazen nerve!' commented Friedman tongue in cheek. He added, 'America is referred to as a rogue state in Europe now, as often as Iraq.' He warned, that the message the Bush Administration had been sending to the world was that they do not believe in rules or treaties, since Bush believes in raw power. We have it and others don't.

It's the same attitude to international relations that the Axis powers displayed in the late thirties. The difference being, that following Hitler's invasion of Poland, Britain and France declared war and tried to forge an alliance. To draw the US into the war, the Pearl Harbour's disaster was vital. Just as 09-11 was the indispensable disaster, which had to happen, to really get Americans collectively to support a War on Terrorism

However, in 2002, no coalition of nations can be found, and therefore cannot be organised to fight rising US fascism. Not one nation with nuclear missiles would even entertain for a split second a thought of an attack on America. Thus, yes, the US can indeed do as it pleases worldwide. America has been slowly but surely building its empire since 1945. As Professor R.H. Wade explained, Washington worked with Machiavellian precision towards globalisation and the dollarisation of the world. (*Governing the Market,* Princeton University Press, 2001).

Ever since the Second World War the Pentagon has tested its

new military doctrines and weaponry skills in localised wars, such as Korea, Vietnam and many other places. During the Cold War, the US was years ahead of the Soviets and light-years ahead of everybody else. What Afghanistan taught the US military was that intelligence and correct information about the enemy is the key to a Blitz Krieg. As soon as the US Air Force receives the correct data, precision bombs will do the rest.

During the Vietnam War, Lyndon Johnson used to pick new targets over lunch. Hence, the military spoke of LBJ's 'overlunch-targeting.' During the Gulf War an Air Targeting Order still took three days. It was impossible to trace mobile Iraqi Scud batteries. In 1999, in the former Yugoslavia, the same happened with Sam anti-aircraft batteries and tanks. After the Kosovo war, the US found only 13 destroyed tanks. In Afghanistan, however, the US employed unmanned flying robots loaded with sensors and cameras. Finally, while the Afghan territory is four times as large as Vietnam, it was easier to use US Special forces, some even on horseback. They were difficult to find, but they supplied the US command with valuable information to circling B-52's over head.

These small US guerrilla units were called 'A teams', consisting of a few dozen heavily armed Green Berets. They were advising troops of the Northern Alliance, how to surprise and attack the forces of the Taliban. They directed from the ground also US attack aircraft to lend support to the Northern Alliance troops in order to surprise and attack the Taliban. It was a tactic followed earlier in the Balkans, when US imperialism let the UCK and Albanian mobsters do the dirty work for them. It was now combined with heavy strikes by the vicious mass-murdering Daisy Cutters. It meant that others were used as cannon fodder, while Americans suffered no casualties. And, at the end of the day, the US was the winner.

Four reporters of *The New York Times* reconstructed how Washington operates militarily these days. One Special Forces com-

mander told them: 'We basically had to figure out in Afghanistan who was a bad bad guy, who was a bad good guy and if there were any good good guys'. After the US made up its mind as whom to use to clean out the Taliban, they supplied the Northern Alliance soldiers with uniforms, ammunition, boots, and food. Having US Special Force advisors at their side, these gangsters advanced with spectacular speed against the Taliban. Afghanistan was the Balkans all over again. The world can look forward to similar Global Cop operations on all major continents.

At this time of writing, hundreds of US Special Forces are being flown into the Philippines, to assist the government of president Gloria Macapagal-Aroyo in counter terrorism operations to destroy the Aby Sayyaf (meaning: Bearer of the Sword). This group is believed to be linked to Al Queda and operational on and around Basilan Island in the south. Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has said: 'it is not a small number of military men we are sending there.' Washington is on another armed rampage.

The New York Times (January 22, 2002) editorialised a warning: 'US Advisors Again.' The paper wrote, 'The Pentagon has a long and ignoble history of announcing that it is dispatching American forces abroad as "advisors", when they are really combatants. We hope the Bush team will not play that game.' Of course, the Bushites are playing dirty again, like all US presidents have done since World War II. Vietnam began with 'advisors', and in the end the US lost 58.000 men. 'How the gods must have chuckled when they added hope to the evils with which they filled Pandora's box', wrote Somerset Maugham in his *Writer's Notebook,* 'for they knew very well that this was the cruellest evil of all, since it is hope that lures mankind to endure its misery to the end.' It never ceases to amaze me, that journalists use the word hope, when analysing politics or foreign affairs.

What these sketchy notes on US military plans boil down to is that opposition in the 21st century against US imperialism has become useless, if not impossible. Militarily, those who disagree and refuse to submit or surrender, have no other choice than to go underground and become freedom fighters. Washington, no doubt, will call them terrorists, just as Hitler had dealt with us, who resisted Nazi occupation in much of Europe. Peter Preston cautioned in *The Guardian* shortly after 09-11, that the War On Terrorism would be turning into 'a festival of lies'. This is exactly what is happening. Secretary Rumsfeld even lies with a straight face about the bestial treatment of POW's at Guantanomo Bay, where Al Queda prisoners are being treated like chimpanzees.

The simpletons that run the present White House foolishly divided the world into good guys and bad guys; those for and those against terrorism. It has never even dawned on the Bush clique, that subjugation to US and Western inequalities, which restrict the growth of prosperity and a decent life for all in the developing world, is cause enough for aggression and violence. How else to fight a super power, with fascist tendencies?

Any criminal method used to enforce obedience to the US will do: from economic and military blockades to straight forward sending of Special Forces into foreign jungles. Complete with B-52's flattening open villages, with no regard for people's lives. Ironically, while calling others evil, inhuman and mean, Americans themselves are the worst war criminals on earth. Just as Hitler thought he was bringing freedom to all of Europe by having SS-troopers march into places where they never should have gone, Bush vows to stamp out freedom fighters and send his troopers to every corner of the world. And this time, unlike in 1939, when a grand alliance could be formed to combat the Nazi dragon, billions of powerless and destitute masses are left with no other choice than to take up

arms against this latest wave of imperialism, and become freedom fighters. The US intentionally misnames these heroes, terrorists.

Bush and Sharon behave like modern day Nazis. They proclaimed Yasser Arafat ‘irrelevant’. Bush considers him a terrorist unworthy of being received in the Oval Office. Arafat's friends and top aides are being assassinated Nazi style. This criminal behaviour by the present Israeli regime is only possible, because the Bush Administration agrees. Therefore, the fight for freedom fight and guerrilla warfare against US Czarism and Israeli Neo Fascism will continue indefinitely. Until the day eventually comes, that American mischief and roguery in world affairs is halted, corrected or wiped out from within. However, that could take much longer than it took to reverse 15 years of US criminal conduct in Vietnam. In the mean time, the likelihood for more 09-11-type disasters will only grow and be with us all for a long time.

For Bill Clinton it was mere child's play to order several dozen cruise missiles to be fired at Al Queda camps in Afghanistan. But they, in turn, (according to Bush' version) designed their own cruise missiles, by manning US airliners with suicide commandos, transforming them into comparable, mass murdering projectiles, as they were launched on 09-11 on New York and Washington. What if those, who declared war on US-Israeli war crimes, were to map a similar action against Tel Aviv? All hell would break loose. One does not need a crystal ball to ascertain that the day will come, when, after years of badgering and provoking Arabs to the limit, as Israel and the US have been doing, the volcano of blind Arab rage will stream into the streets from Morocco to Indonesia.

Americans will run again, as they did in Vietnam and Somalia, in spite of Bush' Hard Talk. Palestinians will at the end of the day reclaim their freedom and their land. Israel will be lucky if it survives at all once the tables will be turned. The

kings, traitors and US Quislings will some day be gone. If they are lucky, they will have time to rob the banks, escape to Florida or California and live there happily ever after, as so many crooks from all over the world have done before. US dollar imperialism will eventually collapse the same way that centuries of European colonialism finally caved in after Afro-Asians took over the streets.

That is, after all, what in the end happened to the Shah of Iran. That is what will eventually happen to Hosni Mubarak, the traitor, who accepted as a write-off an amount of 8 billion dollars from his debts to the US in exchange for his participation in the Gulf War against Iraq. The Middle East is littered with Arab Quislings ready to sell out their country, or each other, in exchange for favours from Washington. The House of Saud is another splendid example. But surely and securely, the bin Ladenites are gaining ground. US imperialism will eventually collapse in the Middle East as European colonialism disappeared from the face of the earth in the 20th century.

Sharon, who is a pioneer war criminal himself, found in Bush a loyal partner in crime. Bush nods in silent approval at Sharon's crazy behaviour. When a former chief of CIA counterterrorism operations, Vincent Cannistraro, speaks in the *Washington Post* (August 31, 2001), about the Bush Administration's agreement with a policy of 'let them bleed' - meaning the Palestinians - by the present Israeli government, and then calls this policy 'dumb', it should be realised that Cannistraro would have gotten in trouble with his former employer's lawyers had he used the word 'criminal' instead.

The Israeli state has drawn up an official list of Palestinian citizens who must be assassinated. Zionist state terrorism as practised in the forties by Ben Gurion and others was fully revived by Sharon. In 1948 Israeli criminals murdered Count Folke Bernadotte, head of the Swedish Red Cross, in Jerusalem,

while he was trying to mediate peace. In 2001, Sharon drew up a list of Palestine citizens that should be liquidated. ‘Target killings’ wrote Cannistraro, ‘may justify a bloodlust and a perceived need for revenge, but they are ineffective in achieving their stated objective of deterring terrorism.’ The former CIA boss argued sensibly, that extrajudicial killings only create, what the other side calls, ‘blood debts’ and the cycle of violence will be perpetuated ad nauseam. That, in a nutshell, will likewise be the ultimate effect of Bush ill-considered War on Terrorism.

In 1995, the Israeli Mossad sent a hit squad to Malta to assassinate the head of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Afthi Shikaki. It was in revenge for a series to terrorist acts against Israel. Remember, that is what western media call them. Shikaki and friends were simply freedom fighters trying to regain their land. He was succeeded by Ramadan Abdullah Shalah who further strengthened the Islamic Jihad with Syrian support. He is promoting even more deadly suicide bombings inside Israel. And so continues the never-ending cycle of violence.

‘So what are the real accomplishments of the Israeli assassination campaign?’ asked Cannistraro in his *Washington Post* article. ‘More deaths, more victims, while the shrinking political middle in both Israel and Palestine, squeezed between the Israeli far right and the Palestinian religious extremists, searches with fading hope for peacemakers. The American government should not endorse or tacitly encourage a process that is illegal under US law.’ Sensible arguments, even coming from a CIA operative, are falling on deaf ears, because present US and Israeli leaders are both obsessed with feelings of blind rage. An Israeli ex general with war crimes on his record and an ex manger of a US baseball team have brains that can only dream up tit for that murders. Where have our statesmen gone?

Why can't Americans understand that Palestinians are resist-

ing and attacking Israelis, not because they are Jews, but because they stole their land? Sharon has been killing Palestinians as far back as in 1953 in Qibya and in 1982 at Sabra and Chatila. He is only prolonging with his bloodied hands the colonisation of Palestine that began 53 years ago. The West forgets that 85 per cent of the land of Palestinians, who remained after independence of Israel in Israel, was confiscated. What did Zionism do to Israeli ethics? Prior to 1948, almost 93 per cent of the land was owned by Palestinians, who had lived there since time immemorial.

In the days when the Huns overran Western Europe, my country, was part of Germany. The genes of the Dutch royal family, descending from William of Orange (1533-1584) are 99 per cent German. Once upon a time even Spain occupied the low lands, which led to an eighty-year war to get them out. Imagine that Spanish or Germans conquistadors would have turned up at the Dutch border in 1947 to claim the land that might have been inhabited a thousand years ago by them? We would most certainly have refused to surrender and would have put up a fierce fight, exactly as Palestinians are doing in the face of Jewish intruders. The big Satan from Houston backs the Jewish intruders 100 per cent in their evil conquest of even more Palestinian land. And the rest of the world awe-struck and in frustrated silence watches powerless to stop this new wave of Israeli war crimes.

Even Benny Eton, a cabinet minister, has openly and unapologetically said that the Sharon government will make life for Palestinians in the West Bank so totally unbearable, that they would want to leave altogether. Sharon set out from the beginning a policy of destroying the PLO at any price, and with the obvious determination to never allow the emergence of a viable Palestinian state. Arafat is a total prisoner of the Israeli military. Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld seem fully prepared to fly him to Guantanomo too, as the latest exhibit in their Al

Queda zoo on Cuba. No doubt, Sharon & Co. realise full well, that Arafat cannot stop Palestinian suicide attacks, because his people are in a total rage after enduring half a century of Israeli terrorism. They intentionally demand from Arafat the impossible to further castrate him as titular head of the Palestinian state.

Peter Beaumont reported in the *London Observer* (January 27, 2002), that Israeli soldiers have even been seen inside Arafat's compound. The PLO chief is telephoning in all directions begging for help. Some of his former friends are not taking his calls. Sharon's psychological warfare, fully backed by Bush, is aimed at driving the old man mad. And then, what? It can only get worse after Arafat.

The PLO leader recently went on Israel's Channel One and losing his self-control he screamed, 'What do I care about Americans! The Americans are on your side and they gave you everything. Who gave you the planes? Americans! Who gave you the tanks? The Americans! Who gives you the money! Americans! Do not talk to me about Americans.' The intense frustration he voiced is shared by masses of Arabs all over the Middle East. But the US, especially after 09-11, doesn't give a damn. Only America and Israel profited from the 09-11 disaster. It gave them a licence to start a worldwide war on terrorism.

The blind reliance on military force by Bush and Sharon is backfiring in all directions. As William Pfaff puts it: 'There is no value in military deployment meant to stabilise a region, that actually destabilises or subverts them, or which strengthens Islamic fundamentalism and wins its recruits.' (*The New York Times,* January 26, 2002). When Prince Nawaf bin Abdul Azis, the crown prince's brother and Prince Turki's successor as head of Intelligence told the *Sunday Times* (January 27, 2002), 'The policies that America uses in the Middle East are not resulting in a peaceful settlement in the area: the US is al-

ways with Israel. This is the worst period of crisis I have seen'. Washington should have reconsidered its blind endorsement of Sharon's war crimes. It did not, because the White House does not acknowledge its own war crimes.

James Akins, former US ambassador in Ryadh, told the *Sunday Times:* 'the reason we are hated in Saudi Arabia is that we have a double standard. We allow Israel to get away with breaking international law and defying UN security Council resolutions. As long as that condition maintains, the relationship with Saudi Arabia and other Muslim countries is going to be very bad.' The White House is not prepared to give in to Riyadh on the withdrawal of 6.000 US troops from the region. The macho decision-makers in the Bush White House do not have the adequate brainpower to understand what ambassador Akins has been talking about. And, secondly, if the military were to go home now, the Bushites would feel that they had handed another victory to Osama bin Laden. He has been advocating for an entire decade that there should be no imperialist forces on Saudi soil. Some day, we will learn the fact that if Bush senior had not ordered US troops to stay in Saudi Arabia there would never have been a 09-11 disaster.

It might even finally become common knowledge based on documents to be released, that if the US had listened to Saudi and Arab signals during the era following the Gulf War of father Bush, the WTC towers would still be standing and his son would have had to search for another alibi to wage his War on Terrorism. Then it will also become known whether US-Israeli intelligence services organised 09-11 or whether Al Queda did, as we are being told. So far, the world takes the word of Bush of bin Laden's guilt as the gospel truth. Too many US presidents gained a reputation of having been pathological liars. It would be rather dumb to take their word automatically serious. That much we should have learned during the second half of the 20th century. The verdict of history will arrive by

the middle of this century when we will come closer to the truth about 09-11.

'Terrorism is the activity of the dispossessed, the voiceless, in a radically asymmetrical distribution of power,' wrote Daniel Warner, of the Institute of International Studies in Geneva. 'When the drums of war beat louder and louder, let calmer voices try to make some simple observations.' Warner called terrorism a virus that can easily mutate. 'Closing borders, putting up missile shields are geo-political reactions harkening back to images of the Middle Ages and do not respond to future cyber interference or chemical and biological terrorism.'

Warner called, 'the growth in inequalities of wealth and lack of political access as causes for frustration, aggression, violence and terrorism. The greater the levels of frustration, the greater the levels of violence. The higher the levels of repression, the higher the levels of reaction.' (*Herald Tribune,* September 21, 2001). Are you listening Mr. Ariel Sharon? That is what I meant by our resistance against Nazi invaders. You are displaying Nazi behaviour Mr. Sharon! We resisted the Nazis in Holland the same way as Palestinians are fighting you. We, too, were freedom fighters in the Al Queda mode. Americans should have learned the lesson in Vietnam, that the Vietcong were freedom fighters like Al Queda, Hamas and all the rest. Not terrorists, to be simply killed off.

'Among educated people,' wrote George Orwell in 1945, 'anti-Semitism is held to be an unforgivable sin and in quite a different category from other kinds of racial prejudice.' Gradually more often editorials appear in western publications commenting on a rising anti-Israel mood. There is, as *The Guardian* appropriately pointed out, a distinct difference between anti Mugabe or anti-Zimbabwe, anti-Rumsfeld or anti-American, and anti-Sharon or anti-Israel. However, Israelis overwhelmingly voted this man into office as if they

had forgotten what type of individual they would be dealing with.

They should have known to expect a policy towards Palestinians that is stupid, short sighted, brutal, criminal and ultimately doomed. It should not make people anti-Semitic, but it does. The worldwide anti Israel mood is steadily growing in strength. It runs neck and neck with strong anti US sentiments everywhere. Americans and Jews are indeed behaving as neo-Nazis. The people of the US should become aware of this, once the nightmare of 09-11 will begins to fade from current awareness.

Another alarming aspect of the War on Terrorism is the way in which the US military, right under Bush's nose, are exploiting his crusade against bin Laden to quietly spread US military power. The noose around the former USSR is being tightened even more than in the days of the Cold War. The price? The energy rich republics of Central Asia for both the US military as for the US oil giants.

Twenty years ago, the Soviet Kremlin feared a US move towards Afghanistan. It invaded its neighbour and lost a ten-year bloody guerrilla war. The defeat of the Soviet Army in the same hills and mountains, where now the Americans are deployed, contributed heavily to the fall of the Soviet Empire. Mikhail Gorbachev was unable to hold the 15 Soviet republics together. He was followed by Boris Yeltsin, who even in secret allowed the presence of four CIA advisors in an office inside the Kremlin next to that of his daughter. Yeltsin presided over the fatal disintegration of the other super-power, leaving the world to be ruled, for the time being, by Washington alone and with dangerous consequences for the rest of humanity.

One coveted prize for the imperialists were the rich oil and gas deposits in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan. They are estimated to be at least equal to those of Saudi-Arabia and Iraq. In the great new en-

ergy game, control over Kabul is of paramount strategic importance. It explained the Soviet pre-emptive strike in December 1979. It explained another dimension of the War on Terrorism that isn't discussed very much but is very much on the mind of the Bush White House. Never mind that US military forces are being drawn into a protracted conflict in Afghanistan. Oil is what the Bushites are after, in this case Russian oil.

Naturally, Bush says he intervened to catch bin Laden dead or alive. But, perhaps his priority is not Al Queda, as he says it is, but his true goal may very well be to lay his hands on Russia's most important energy resources. Belatedly, Washington is playing down the importance of catching the elusive Pimpernel. The White House already says that it might take six years to catch the man. Perhaps they have stopped looking for him altogether. Do Americans want another Che Guevara saga on their hands? Osama's followers are suicide bombers, quite a different brand of freedom fighters from Cuban Fidelista's. Furthermore, bringing bin Laden to trial would be a risky scheme, since the man might prove that he was indeed not directly involved with 09-11.

Edward Helmore reported in *The London Observer,* that Washington did not even attempt to hide its intention to remain in the region. (January 21, 2002). US Senate majority leader Tom Daschke recently visited the area and told Uzbek leaders that US soldiers weren't there in 'the immediate term'. Even ten years ago it was unthinkable that thousands of US military personnel would be operating on former Soviet territory as is now happening in former Soviet states in Central Asia. Vladimir Putin saw an advantage in allowing such co-operation with the Pentagon, since it would soften US and EU criticism of the Russian war going on in Chechnya. Was it worth the strategic price Moscow was paying?

Furthermore, General Fu Quanyou, chief of staff of the Chi-

nese People's Liberation Army, termed the introduction of US troops into Kazakhstan ‘a direct threat to Chinese security’. Beijing has its own concerns about interior stability caused by radicals among Uighur Muslims on its western borders. Helmore cited professor Margot Light of the London School of Economics, when she said, ‘the speed at which the US established coalition-backed military forces in the region has served to make the Russian failure (to effectively make counter moves to US military expansionism) all the more spectacular.’

David Ignatius called Russia a rival to Saudi Arabia as the world's dominant energy producer. (*Herald Tribune,* December 24, 2001). Russian oil companies such as Lukoil and Yukos are now called ‘super-majors’ and likened to Exxon-Mobil, BP and Shell. Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan alone are expected to export by 2010 roughly 3 million barrels a day. Ignatius estimated, that Moscow was on its way to becoming the next Houston. Russia itself exports 7 million barrels a day. Soon, Russia will have a degree of control over about 16 million barrels a day, roughly double the current production of Saudi Arabia. ‘And those totals don't include natural gas, where Russia is the dominant producer by far’, noted Ignatius.

The real cat and mouse game now developing is via what export routes and through which countries the various pipelines which transport the energy to viable harbours will be built. Apparently, the Russian robber barons, who emerged during the Boris Yeltsin years, are discovering that they will make more money by adhering to capitalist tricks than by stealing. Therefore, as well as locally, Russian oil giants are beginning to aggressively invest outside their home market. ‘Lukoil’, reported Ignatius, ‘is heavily investing in Iraq's West Qurna field, which is expected to produce nearly 700.000 barrels a day. The Russians are also exploring possible sources of energy in Algeria, Sudan and Libya.’

After Putin assumed power two years ago, he decided to market Russian energy outside the dictates of the Arab dominated OPEC (Organisation of Oil Exporting Countries), 'Russia's independent oil-pricing policies have succeeded in stabilising the Russian economy over the past two years', wrote Richard Butler, diplomat in residence at the Council of Foreign Relations in New York.

It was Prime Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, who, in 1999, pushed hard for the construction of a pipeline from Kazakhstan's Caspian Sea oil fields across Kazakh and Russian territory to the Black Sea port of Novorossiysk. It opened late in 2001. Apart from it's main client, Russia's Tengizchevroil, and Russian and Kazakh partners, half of the pipeline is owned by Chevron and a quarter by Exxon-Mobil. Expected growth of the Kazakhstan economy is 13 percent.

Ambassador Butler points out, that Bush's war in Afghanistan is making the construction of a pipeline across that country and Pakistan politically possible for the first time since Unocal and the Argentinean company Bridas competed for Afghan rights in the mid 1990's. Another circumstantial result of the War on Terrorism is the ongoing Sub-War for Oil, because Washington seems to be adapting to a new reality. The US discovered that 15 of the 19 suicide pilots on 09-11 were Saudis. Maybe, after all, Saudi Arabia is no longer the best of allies. The White House is clearly steering towards a lessening of its previous dependence on Saudi oil. (*Herald Tribune,* January 19, 2002.)

It was also Primakov, who advocated a nuclear alliance between Russia, China and India, in a return to the Balance of Terror, as had existed during the Cold War years. Bill Clinton and his Kremlin specialist, Strobe Talbott, quickly stepped in. We see in 2002, that India is growing closer and closer to the West and especially the United States, as a direct result of Pakistan, having served as a haven for Muslim freedom fighters.

The War on Terrorism of George Bush produces for Washington a number of advantageous side effects in the overall East-West power game. It even touches the local conflict between Delhi and Islamabad over Kashmir, in which the US now supports India.

The concept of non-alignment in international relations as established in 1955 by President Sukarno of Indonesia in Bandung, by which Afro Asian nations were expected to play a mediating role in order to prevent the US and USSR ending up in a nuclear war, has become in the 21ste century obsolete and overtaken by events. There are now B-nuclear powers, China, Russia, Britain, France, India, and Pakistan. There are perhaps even a few C-Nuclear mini-powers, like Israel. But there is only one A-nuclear power and that is the US. None of the 'dwarfs' entertain notions of challenging US military power. Therefore, those who oppose today's Global Cop have but one choice: go underground and organise global guerrilla units. You can't kill mosquitoes with nuclear bombs.

Hence, Washington is changing its military doctrines. It's axiomatic that military budgets skyrocket in wartime. Bush plans a 380 billion dollars Pentagon budget for the coming fiscal year. Special funds are being made available for Special Forces after their success in Afghanistan. Washington switches to a counter-guerrilla army. The money goes first to some 15.000 Green Berets, Rangers, members of the Delta Force and Navy Seals. A vanguard of these US sponsored state guerrillas has been arriving in the Philippines causing widespread anti-Americanism and strengthening sympathies for the Muslim freedomfighters in that nation. Bush is taking his global war there next.

'We are interested in a lot more than Al Queda', warmonger Rumsfeld told Edward Alden of the *Financial Times.* (January 19, 2002). 'If we have to go into 15 more countries, we ought to do it, to deal with the problem of terrorism so we don't al-

low this problem to damage and kill off thousands of more people.' Poor man. His brain is unable to conceive that the imperialistic course of US foreign policy during five long decades is the sole source of what he now perceives as terrorism. In reality, humanity is at last faced with a justified and organised armed revolt against criminal misconduct by the White House, the government and the entire US power establishment. Finally, the bill for half a century of war crimes is being presented by the victims of US terror.

Why did Eric Pianin and Bob Woodward warn in *The New York Times* (January 18, 2002), that US intelligence agencies are increasingly concerned that future attacks on the United States may involve Asian and African Al Queda members. What Washington cannot get into their heads is the question: why is it so easy for an organisation like Al Queda to recruit Indonesian, Filipino or Malaysian guerrillas? It is simple to enlist Asians because of the hatred for Americans instilled by innumerable crimes committed against the peoples of these countries for half a century. Finally, the bill is being presented in the form of armed insurrection by millions of people.

The White House asked Hollywood to come to its aid and produce movies supporting 'America's good intentions and unselfish sacrifices versus other peoples and nations'. Sure enough, Hollywood obliged. It came up with a script written around the downing of a US high-tech helicopter by a ragtag bunch of rebels in the dilapidated maze of Mogadishu back streets in Somalia. 'Another crashed two miles away when elite Rangers botched an operation to arrest the henchmen of Mohammed Farah Aideed, the Somali warlord who dared to take on America's might', wrote Jonathan Clayton in *The Sunday Times,* January 20, 2002. In the ensuing battle 19 invading Americans died against 500 Somalis. As requested by Bush, Hollywood produced Black Hawk Down to further glorify Bill Clinton's mission in Somalia, which, in fact, was a complete disaster.

George Monbiot noted in *The Guardian,* that Hollywood dutifully followed the president's lead and presented the Somali debacle of 1993 as a battle between good and evil, between civilisation (US) and barbarism (Somalia). Hollywood simply created a new myth of nationhood. 'America casting itself simultaneously as the world's saviour and the world's victim. As a sacrificial messiah, on a mission to deliver the world from evil. This myth,', warned Monbiot, 'contains incalculable dangers for everyone else on earth'.

Black Hawk Down occurred nine years ago. Now, the CIA seems convinced that US forces should return there. Apparently, the son of Aideed supplied ample information to justify another invasion. Clayton in *The Sunday Times* expected that actual fighting would probably be carried out by proxy Ethiopian cannon fodder. US and British warships have already arrived along the Somali coast. The SAS is making reconnaissance flights. The CIA also beefed up its presence. ECHELON satellites are in full swing.

The Bush Administration conducts its business as if the United Nations no longer exists. Like Sharon declared Arafat irrelevant, signs are that Bush & Co. harbour similar feelings towards the EU. No wonder, the Secretary-General of the world organisation and his wife fly off to Amsterdam for the fairytale wedding of the crownprince of the Netherlands, while, if the SG still takes his job still seriously, he should have jetted to Guantanomo Bay to check on US treatment of prisoners of war. Kofi Annan probably realises by now, that he might as well enjoy himself as long as his post lasts.

In his 2002 State of the Union Address George Bush, as policeman of the world, referred to Al Queda terror camps in Somalia and eleven other nations, and said he was planning to clean them out. The president of the United-States probably never ever read the Charter of the United Nations as the accepted universal code of conduct signed by Truman. The new-

comer from Texas talks, as if the outside world is America's back garden, where he, Bush, is free to decide who belongs to the Axis of Evil and he, naturally, represents the Axis of Good. Bush suffers from delusions. He has a psychotic state of mind, in which the nonsense in his head cannot be modified by reasoning or a simple demonstration of facts. His 2002 address to Congress was riddled with falsehoods and delusions of grandeur mixed with asinine sentences like, 'America will lead by defending liberty and justice because they are right and true and unchanging for all people everywhere.' Such a premise is not only false, it is the product of an ignorant parochial conservative US Republicanism not to be bought by anyone else but naive Americans who project in him the saviour of all the problems of mankind. Anyone who assumes, as Bush does, that the world is ready to descend to the level of his infantile concepts of happiness for all, should be consulting a mind doctor.

A Republican predecessor of his, Richard Nixon, was wise enough to do so. Psychiatrist, Dr. Arnold Hutschnecker on Park Avenue in New York made a valiant effort to bring some order into the chaos of Nixon's mind. Afterwards Hutschnecker argued arduously via Op-Ed pages of *The New York Times,* that candidates for public office, let alone for the White House, should be tested, mentally, physically and professionally to examine if they were up to the job. For the choice of GEO's of multinational companies, this is standard procedure. In 2002 mankind is faced with a Super Global Cop, deciding on war and peace for all of us, who would most certainly never have passed the Hutschnecker grade.

Bush' inner psychological world produces sentences like, 'tens of thousands of dangerous killers schooled in the methods of murder... spread around the world like ticking bombs, set to go off without warning.' Washington is simply exploiting the 09-11 disaster to the hilt. In the name of patriotic uni-

ty and solidarity anything is allowed. As *The Guardian* editorialised, 'Sooner or later, Mr. Bush, self styled universal soldier of truth, will have to stop pretending that the 09-11 tragedy gave him a free hand to remake America and the world to fit his simplistic narrow vision.' The British paper added, 'For this is the delusion under which he labours. And a very dangerous delusion it is too.' (Also read: *Delusion: Internal Dimension of Political life,* James M. Glass, University of Chicago Press, 1985).

William Pfaff explained in the *Los Angeles Times* (January 31, 2002) that 09-11 changed American consciousness. The world had always known terrorism, as more recently in Spain, Northern Ireland, Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Chechnya, Israel, Palestine, Columbia, Congo, Sierra Leone, etcetera. Pfaff also dealt with the way the Bush government mistreated their Al Queda prisoners on Cuba. He quoted vice president Dick Cheney explaining on TV, 'These are the worst of a very bad lot. They are devoted to killing millions of Americans - innocent Americans.'

We are back to the singular notion, that it does not matter how many million deaths the US has caused worldwide over half a century, with its criminal policies since 1945. However, the moment 3.000 Americans perished in the WTC building, the world is too small for Yankee wrath. The US might have scrapped its principal discriminatory laws in the Eisenhower-JFK years. But the idiotic notion of an American super-race, far superior to all other dwellers on this earth, is very much alive in the 21st century.

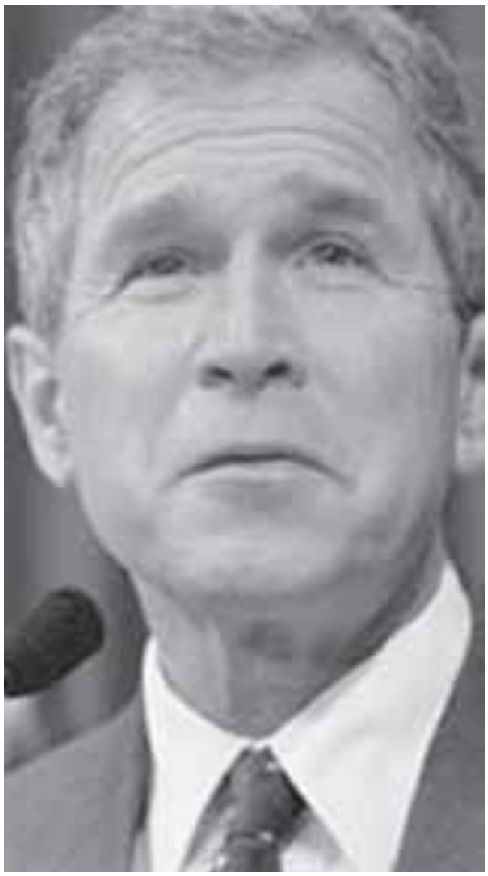
Israelis display similar racist reactions. If one or more members of the Israeli tribe are being killed by Palestinian freedomfighters, high-tech killer patrols immediately take to the air and blast off the streets as many Palestinian defenceless civilians as they can get into their sights or burn them alive in their homes. The numbers of Palestinian dead has always to

be doubled or tripled compared to losses on the Israeli side. Because, the enemy is not looked upon as fellow human beings, but as members of an inferior clan representing an inferior race. Fascist gangsterism has penetrated the minds of the top echelons of the relentless Western and Israeli crusade to halt a growing global insurrection against casino capitalism and the ongoing US pacification of mankind.

Pfaff noted in the *Los Angeles Times,* that the Bush White House identified the enemy in terms of absolute evil, the war as an expression of metaphysical combat between good and evil, and it considered the War on Terrorism as a struggle against sub humans that have to be destroyed. 'The Nazis identified Jews as an enemy to be exterminated,' noted Pfaff as recently as January 31, 2002. He added that Hitler had taught his soldiers that Poles and Russians were sub humans to be treated as slaves. Bush and Sharon are telling their peoples the same thing about Al Queda and the Palestinians.

In the thirties, German masses, were also unaware of the fact that their country had fallen into the hands of mad criminals. Hitler's terrorism during the 30's and 40's was aimed at Western Europe and the USSR. America's terrorism, now under the command of George Bush junior, is a global Nazi type crusade reaching into the farthest corners of the earth. Hitler was stopped with the help of the United States. Americans and Israelis can only be stopped from within or all will be lost.

New Nazis



Willem Oltmans, ***Cry for War***

(1) The Manufacture of Evil

George Bush introduced the notion of 'evil' into world politics of the 21st century world. Being the simpleton that he is, he merely accuses opponents of imperialism and US international criminal behavior as being the incurable bad boys, while Bush & Co wholeheartedly embody the good guys. Evil is on everyone's mind and confuses many millions, including the American president himself. What did he expect to achieve by reintroducing a medieval concept, which has never made sense to anyone?

In 1886 Nietzsche published a famous essay on this question. He noted that humanity had experimented for so many centuries with morality and ethics and had continuously defined or refined ideas about good and evil. He considered these concepts as completely worn out. Distinguishing the good from evil was no longer possible with the naked eye. Listening to the utterances of Bush junior, who nowadays applies the concept of evil left and right leads one to a fateful rendezvous with numerous unanswerable questions. While mankind expects strong and unquestioned leadership from the top-gun of the only superpower, all we are getting from Washington is incoherent babble from an obviously deeply confused and shockingly incompetent man. Bush has no clue as to the core of the problems he is faced with, and consequently makes an irreparable mess of everything.

Instead of quietly continuing to run the governor's office in Austin, George was thrust into a position, which he was blissfully unfamiliar with and unprepared for. His power hungry Dad, and associates within the Texas oil-industry, thrust the most important political-military leadership in the world onto the shoulders of his eldest son. To achieve his goal, Dad and his accomplices had to steal the election in what has been labelled

the biggest electoral scandal in US history. In 2002, the entire world is drifting rudderless on an ocean of uncertainty and indecisiveness waiting for Godot, hoping that perhaps some day ‘the great leader of the western world’ will finally catch up with what really is going on. In the mean time, people are dying and suffering everywhere, especially in the Middle-East. In Plato's philosophy the essence of all reality was supposed to be ‘good’. ‘Evil’ was merely the faulty reflection of reality found in the world of particulars. Poor George is so totally ignorant of particulars, that he will never be able to form sound judgements on anything, let alone on the basis of realities in places beyond Crawford, Texas. After brooding for weeks as what to say June 24, 2002, the president finally coughed up his grand design for peace in the Near-East. Being an expert on election fraud, he strongly advised Palestinians to hold a free election and be sure to vote Yasser Arafat out of office. It would seem that nobody at the White House was brave enough to tell the boss, that he was overstepping all boundaries of democratic principles and diplomatic courtesies by uttering such nonsense.

The western way of life lays claim to our consciousness. ‘It operates a system which advertises its own bulging cornucopia of products and processes. However, within the industrial system evil has become systemized,’ wrote Canadian political scientist Lionel Tiger in *The Manufacture of Evil* (Harper & Row, New York, 1987). In professor Tiger's view, ‘The production of evil has become technologized, internationalized, multinationalized, and especially in times of war and high zealotry, officially rhapsodized.’ Bush - and Tiger - still use ‘evil’ in praeNietzchean terms. The US president calls everything he does not understand, or lacks the information to understand, ‘evil’, because that is the easiest way out.

When the disaster of September 11, 2001 occurred, Bush announced to the world, as an incontestable fact, that Osama

Bin Laden and Al Queda were responsible for the massacre of Americans on that day. The president did not offer a thread of evidence to support his accusation. He needed a guilty party fast and used names handed to him by his intelligence services. Muslims claim their acts of defiance. No-one ever claimed 09-11. Neither Bush, nor the far majority of his worldwide audience, seemed to need any hard evidence, that would stand up in the courts. The western world in particular blindly bought the Bush version of the September 11 events without taking a second look at unanswered questions or even doubting the integrity of the president's wild guess.

This is the more surprising, since even a cursory knowledge of American twentieth century history should have taught western audiences that literally every US president, beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt, has been sadly catalogued in retrospect as being a habitual liar or an embarrassing crook. I am not saying it is any better elsewhere. But the US public in particular is incredibly slow to learn that they have elected the one bastard after the other to the White House.

Bush immediately acted on what he was being told. He reacted with Pavlovian precision as all his predecessors did before him: launch another war. He attacked Afghanistan to wipe out the Taliban and catch the prime suspect Osama bin Laden and bring him to American Justice. Perhaps Bush realized later, that the Saudi rebel, as he himself emphatically stressed, indeed was not guilty of 09-11 as charged. He does avoid talking about the man lately, while he initially swore he would bring him to book at his earliest convenience. Following 09-11 Bush' popularity rose from a wavering 30 percent in August 2001 to more than 90 percent. Hitler's popularity with the German people rose to an all time high after he annexed Austria on March 12, 1938. True, Washington did not declare Afghanistan part of the United States, but the US did install a US puppet regime. Whatever happens in Kabul is, for the foreseeable fu-

ture, being decided in Washington while the US military occupation continues.

The manufacture of evil takes place at all levels of society whether a nation is run by a fascist dictator or by an elected president in a so called free democratic society. The greater the prosperity the more sharks are on the loose to grab a piece of the pie. Those who lay behind do whatever it takes to get their share in the rising fleshpots of Egypt. When Germany went down as a result of World War I, the last emperor Kaiser Wilhelm II fled to Holland. It did not take long for Adolf Hitler to mount the throne in a free election. Germans wanted law and order, and German glory restored. At the time Winston Churchill cheered Hitler's achievements in putting Germany back at its feet. The Nazi leader surrounded himself with likeminded characters: Hermann Goering (Air Force), Franz Joseph Goebbels (propaganda), Heinrich Himmler (national security) and Joachim von Ribbentrop (Foreign Affairs). The military-industrial complex was quickly revived in close cooperation with the corporate empire IG Farben, which in turn was linked to Kuhlmann (France), ICI (Great Britain), Montecatini (Italy), AV (Czechoslovakia), Boruta (Poland), Mitsui (Japan), Standard Oil (New Jersey) and Du Pont and Dow Chemical in the US. Through IG Farben and Alfred Krupp the German war machine was resurrected and would soon be unleashed to conquer France, Italy and most of Europe, with the notable exception of Great Britain. The groundwork for the ultimate Nazi defeat was laid at Stalingrad (February 2, 1943). Hitler dreamt of becoming an EU-Cop for a united Europe under the banner of National Socialism. Much like Ronald Reagan, George Bush and the junior Bush have been drifting towards a Global Cop system under the aegis of capitalism and the free market system. This paradise should be protected by an impenetrable shield in the sky to fight off rogue states which might try to attack. Hitler and Goebbels were quite suc-

cessful in disseminating ideas and information with the design of inducing or intensifying attitudes and actions favorable to the purposes of National Socialism. They had to use radio and propaganda films or news reels in cinemas to reach the public. Bush, Sharon, Saddam or Arafat have a much easier go at it in pleading their case than the Nazis had in the 30's and 40's. They have TV, internet, CNN and all the rest.

Even Osama bin Laden reaches hundreds of millions when someone with a portable video camera would be brave enough to direct his donkey up an Asian mountain top and records what he has to say. The Qatar station *Al Jazeera* will then broadcast the text to millions of livingrooms around the world. Television adds a dimension to the tool of propaganda, which Hitler and Mussolini had to do without. People no longer form their opinions solely on the basis of what they hear. Since the 50's performances by those in the news can be seen and followed via TV screens.

Mark Miller, professor of Media Ecology at New York University put it this way: 'Television has clearly shown the truth about George Bush Jr. His body language bellows his uninterest, his distraction, his uneasiness, his callousness: and he tends to blurt out all or part of what he is really thinking, even as he is trying to lie about it, when it becomes a linguistic struggle that intensifiers his incoherence. Meanwhile, his handlers and the mainstream media all keep on trying to play the revelations down, forever countering the obvious with lots of upbeat spin and tactful silence. Thus TV keeps on sending us an eerie double message, by showing us one thing and telling us another. Those who want to buy the pitch prefer the latter, naturally, while who just can't buy it feel as if they must be going crazy, what with all those smooth and authoritative voices claiming that this man should be our president when we can see, and have seen all along, that that simply is not the case.' (*The Bush Dyslexicon: Observations of a national Disorder,* W.W. Norton, New York, 2001).

Professor Miller referred to the illegal machinations by the Bush clique and the Republicans to bring George junior into the White House to do the bidding of the Houston oil lobby in international affairs. ‘Our experience of this transparent coup has been disorienting from the start,’ he wrote. ‘Hardly had he assumed the presidency or Bush was immediately hailed for his charm, his democratic ease, his rare ability to be all things to all Americans.’ And, again, we touch on another aspect of the manufacture of evil, the way the management of a free press deals with information.

(2) The Manufacture of Hatred

Pioneer in programming Nazi propaganda was Joseph Goebbels (1897-1945). In 1928 he was freely elected to the German parliament. With the Nazis entering the political arena, he became instrumental in bringing Hitler to power. He was highly effective in spreading the virus of hatred for Jews and other non-Aryan groups like Slavs and Russians. Propaganda is usually accompanied by distortions of facts in order to conform to the ideology of the disseminator who creates his own imagined or desired reality. Appeals to passion, nationalistic fervour and above all, to traditional prejudices will inflame peoples and nations beyond common sense and any reason.

No doubt, Goebbels was an intentional propagandist of hatred. After World War II Washington followed a similar Nazi-type offensive to manipulate people's minds and mobilizing worldwide hostility against the USSR. Any lies and distortions were acceptable as long as ‘the enemy’ could be destroyed. Communists did exactly the same with us. In the 70's I visited a school in Irkutsk, Siberia, where Soviet children were reassured that Marxism would win over capitalism. Our western

schools taught kids, that a free market economy and maximum freedom for the individual would bring the Valhalla on earth for everybody. Democracy was good; communism was evil and had to be stamped out by whatever means necessary. This irrationality on both sides brought us all the Cold War.

Goebbels developed the Nazi propaganda technique of ‘a war of nerves.’ Each time, prior to Hitler making another aggressive move on the European chessboard, the German press and radio invented all kinds of accusations against the chosen target. Incidents were manufactured intentionally and then exploited to justify a German military intervention. The Goebbels design proved to be very effective in dividing people in other nations, weakening their resolve to resist the forthcoming aggression, and causing the allies of Nazi victim nations to hesitate as well.

Following World War II, Washington, the Pentagon and the CIA used the same Nazi propaganda techniques to manufacture global hatred for communists. Step by step over a number of decades, the US war machine drifted towards becoming the only super power in the world by the turn of the century. Hitler's divide and rule policy, that led to his virtual control over Europe in the early 40's has been followed by Washington's global divide and rule policy that now threatens to bring all of mankind under near total US supervision and control. The US juggernaut cannot be stopped. ‘All roads lead to America, the new Rome,’ observed Martin Ivens in the London *Times* (June 30, 2002). ‘At Versailles in 1919, the balance of power between the United States and the British Empire was more equal. Today American military and economic power dwarfs that of its European and Asian allies,’ Ivens wrote. This undoubted accomplishment is a fact in 2002. But will a Pax Americana still prevail in 2052?

More painful comparisons must be drawn with Nazi Germany when observing US audiences generally accepting anything

that comes directly from the Oval Office as the gospel truth. Over ninety nine per cent of all Americans immediately took Bush at his word, that Osama bin Laden was guilty and thus a mass murderer. Two weeks after the twin towers collapsed I visited Manhattan. The mere suggestion to friends and strangers alike, that may be some day, when more becomes known about what really happened on September 11th, it could become known that Osama bin Laden, and perhaps even Al Queda, had after all nothing to do with that disaster, would persistently meet with frantic and outraged reactions.

Bush offered Americans a well constructed story, which indeed possessed a kind of reasonable narrative truth. His arguments and information seemed plausible both in logic and content. But too often narrative truth is confused with historical truth. A narrative account of a disaster can sound entirely reasonable while in reality it is A to Z misleading, since it often contains only part of the truth or none at all. In Freud's concept of narrative truth, Bush' report about what supposedly happened on September 11th, lacks 'the kernel of historical truth'.

Psychiatrist, Donald P. Spence of the Rutgers Medical School wrote: 'Narrative truth is what we have in mind when we say that such and such is a good story, that a given explanation carries conviction, that one solution to a mystery must be true.' (*Narrative Truth and Historical Truth,* W.W. Norton, New York, 1982). Almost all Americans instantly accepted Bush' narrative truth as the historical truth. From his hideout in the Tora Bora Mountains in Afghanistan the Saudi millionaire rebel mobilized, according to Bush at least, four US airliners to cause death, havoc and destruction in the US. Professor Spence postulated years ago, that 'once a given construction has acquired narrative truth, it becomes just as real as any other kind of truth.' He added that in psychoanalytic treatment, basic attention is being paid to narrative reality, because it has no relation to the facts and historic reality.

Ninety percent of the Germans supported Hitler and the narrative truth of the Nazis. The Soviets accepted Lenin's narrative truth which after seventy years was overtaken by inescapable historic realities. The USSR simply collapsed under the weight of its daydreams and narrative truths. Now, we see America goose-stepping towards unparalleled power in line with Bush's storytelling. But some day in the future the chickens will come home to roost, when historical truth catches up with popular fairy tales of the past.

All of America bought lock, stock and barrel the Bush version of September 11. From that day onwards, all Americans 'knew' what had happened. Tell Americans in 2002 that perhaps there is more to this tragic day in US history than the president has told them, and they go instantly ballistic. I was reminded of some devout Nazis who half a century later still stand by the Fuehrer and still considered it out of the question that the Third Reich ever installed gas chambers in concentration camps. There are still Americans today, who are absolutely convinced Oswald alone killed JFK. Whether they watched the Zapruder film of the assassination or not, they are simply incapable of accepting the historical truth that Dallas was a conspiracy. Abraham Zapruder filmed by mere coincidence the motorcade of the president when the shots at the Kennedy's were fired. The celluloid clearly showed that the president was hit by bullets from both the back and the front. Yet, many millions of Americans continue to live with the narrative truth that there was no conspiracy in Dallas, because they are apparently unable to accept the historical truth. Brainwashing implies the use of physical or psychological duress. This is not what the White House, the CIA, NATO, CNN or western media organizations are engaged in. Neither did the Nazis. Subtler strategies were and are designed to render leadership the widest possible support. To manufacture hatred one replaces simple truths by vital lies. Goebbels pollut-

ed German minds by deliberately planting false and fantastic stories. The far majority of Germans fell for this Nazi crap, just as the far majority of Americans seems to blindly buy the rubbish that Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Powell are unloading on the American public.

Harvard philosophy professor George Santayana (1863-1952) termed German philosophy ‘a work of genius’ (*The German Mind,* Thomas Crowell, New York, 1968). It is universally recognized, that Germans (Bach, Beethoven, Luther, Goethe, Kant, Hegel, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche) rank among the foremost civilized and erudite peoples in the human saga. Yet, in spite of their rich heritage they collectively fell, during a vital stage in their history, for the harangues of a fascist dictator. There is no guarantee, that some day, another nation, or another highly civilized society would not buy the narrative gobbledygook of some other lying or hate mongering *generalissimo* or *Führer.*

The Nazis achieved true miracles in drumming up massive support through their printed press outlets and ramshackle radio broadcasts. Today's occupants of the White House easily command entrance to electronic highways, communication satellites and cable-networks. Their narrative truth is directly beamed into the living quarters of hundreds of millions of people around the world. To win support from an electorate has become considerably easier than it must have been in Hitler's day. But television screens also carry a clear disadvantage for unstable or psychopathic personalities seeking favor with the masses. Would Germans have blindly followed Hitler to their doom if they had been able to watch him closely and see him live delivering his thundering speeches against the rest of the outside world?

The other successful technique invented and refined by Goebbels was the launching of ‘a war of nerves’ in advance of declaring war. In 1938, for instance, Hitler was preparing his

next aggressive move on the European chessboard. Goebbels prepared the ground for Hitler's move into Czechoslovakia. He distributed false reports about the mistreatment of German minorities in the neighboring country. His propaganda apparatus manufactured a number of violent incidents as proof that Berlin had to come to the aid of its terrorized citizens. There was no terror in Czechoslovakia against Germans. But Hitler created an alibi to justify military intervention.

It is a tactic Washington has been using since 1945 over and over again in dozens of countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The White House and US intelligence services have for half a century copied Nazi tactics directly from the lexicon of Hitler en Goebbels. The US has applied state terrorism in Asia, Africa and Latin America for decades. Apart from applying wars of nerves everywhere by sending warships and B-52's to frighten far away lands into submission, covert military actions, secret invasions, political assassinations or *coups d'etats* against heads of state or people Washington did not like, have become US standard practices. Like most recently the wars on the Balkan's were clearly provoked and organized through covert operations by the Americans. The Albanian UCK rebel army was equipped, paid for and secretly led by US agents when it went into Kosovo to destabilize Yugoslavia further with the ultimate goal of unseating the last communist leader in southern Europe. Slobodan Milosevic was simply ‘sold’ by traitors for millions of dollars to the Hague Tribunal for War Criminals. The real war criminals who lighted the fuse in the Balkan's go free in Washington. The behavior by Bush Sr., Clinton and Bush Jr. in southern Europe alone would have certainly brought applause from Hitler and Mussolini.

What options do people have after being invaded, intimidated and terrorized by a foreign power and are occupied against their will? Holland surrendered in 1940 after five days of war following the destruction of the center of Rotterdam by Go-

ering's *Luftwaffe.* Reaching the age of 18 in 1943, I joined the Dutch underground. We had no choice but to resort to guerrilla warfare against the Nazi *Wehrmacht.* Hitler labeled us terrorists. Likewise Bush, Blair and Sharon and a number of western leaders and media organisations continue to misname Palestinian underground forces terrorists. We knew, that we were fighting the Nazis, as genuine freedom fighters. So are the Palestinians, who have battled these new Nazis for half a century. Americans, who have not been invaded or terrorized on their own soil for two centuries, seem in a quandary about the question who is a freedom fighter and who a terrorist. They have forgotten their own past, when they threw out the British and signed a peace deal in 1783 in Paris.

(3) Humiliation

The United States and Great Britain continue to operate even in the 21st century as erstwhile imperialist powers. This is the more surprising, since Bush and Blair could be expected to be familiar with modern history. Yet, their policy towards the Arab-Israeli conflict proves, that they continue to place their bets with Israel and those Arab states that are ruled by antidemocratic and corrupt royal cliques. These regimes function as full-time puppets of their western protectors in order to cash in for personal gain. These Arab traitors are selling out natural resources to their foreign masters, while all the people of these countries should benefit from the billions cashed in for oil and gas. Naturally, greedy petroleum tycoons prefer to maintain present favorable conditions. Washington and London continuously pressure their Arab partners to tolerate the state of Israel and refrain from covert support for Yasser Arafat and the PLO. Arab stool pigeons in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt

and Jordan treasure oil dollars or economic and military aid more than supporting their Muslim brothers in their endless struggle for an independent and free Palestine.

But 2002 is not 1948, when Israel became the international homeland for Jews, because at Yalta, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin had so decided. Palestinians were told to get lost, since Hitler had gassed Jews. The allied powers created a convenient new colony for Jews in the middle of the Arab world because that is, what the old biblical texts were telling us they had come from. It's like telling Americans in 1948 they better vacate the US on the double, to enable Indians to return to their former hunting grounds. Of course, there are virtually no Indians left to live on their own lands, because the settlers of the new world literally killed them off one by one. Zionism and naked force, however, created Israel, hardly by a free plebiscite among the people who had been living there since times immemorial.

Today, all over the Arab region streets are seething with angry young men, often out of work, which fully realize what is going on both within their own countries as between Israel and Palestine. It does not need too much imagination to figure out where this contest will take the settlers eventually. Nor will renegade Arabs forever be in charge of the riches of the Middle East to Western oil companies. Sooner or later new generations will rise and throw the Quislings out. If one Arab domino falls into the hands of genuine freedom fighters, the others will follow as well. Even Bush, and his lapdog Blair must be realizing what goes on and what the long term prospects for the continuation of their dirty imperialist games are. Nevertheless, neither the US nor Great Britain seem to have any qualms about their continued head-on support for the Jewish invaders of the Muslim world. The present Anglo-American siding with Ariel Sharon will prove to have been the most retrogressive foreign policy failure since the collective fall of European empires following World War II.

A United Nations survey estimates, that 22 Arab states with a population of 280 million will grow by the year 2020 - and this is very, very soon - to 410 or possibly even 459 million inhabitants. Perhaps Bush and Blair are assuming that for the time being they can safely side with the new Jewish Monaco on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. However, an average pupil of any elementary school can safely figure out what the result of continued aggressive behavior by Israel will lead to.

Ariel Sharon may have succeeded during six visits to the White House within 18 months to con Bush Jr. into believing that suicide bombers are indeed terrorists. That was an easy job anyway, because chasing terrorists has become, next to the golfcourse, Bush's favorite pastime. But either he or his successor is liable to discover what the realities of the Muslim world are. At the end of the day, at best, the Jewish mini state will be tolerated by all in the region once ‘the old soldiers’ will have faded away. Also, a new generation of Jews is liable to accept the view, that a Jewish state must consider itself rather as a guest instead of conqueror in the land of their illustrious forefathers. The existence of Israel must be viewed as a gesture of courtesy on behalf of half a billion Arabs that surround them. No doubt, the grandson of Osama bin Laden will some day enjoy spending a vacation at the beach near Haifa. Once, Israelis reach that state of mind, peace is assured. And why not? At the heart of the present bloodbath lays the Palestine life and death struggle against the Jewish settler state. Unlike the Boers in South Africa, who were no longer supported by the West and America, and had to surrender power to the black majority, Bush and Blair are still siding strongly with Israel against the entire Arab world. In Algeria, Kenya, Southern Rhodesia, Angola and Mozambique, European settlers lost out after bloody battles between freedom fighters and the colonialists. When metropolitan France stopped protecting settlers in Algeria, the battle for the continued French presence

in northern Africa was permanently lost. As professor Robert Tignor of Princeton University stressed (*The New York Times,* May 17, 2002), the road to freedom in African colonies hinged on Western support.

Israel has been able to hold out so far, in spite of the arrogant and outright criminal behavior of the fighting horse from another century, Ariel Sharon, and solely thanks to its overseas networks. Especially the US continues to finance, arm and support Tel Aviv, also politically in the United Nations with a series of lonely US vetoes. It is a quite mad assumption, extremely unwise, and a guaranteed losing strategy to think that lethal force with F-16's, Apache helicopters, rockets, ancient US tanks and armored personnel carriers could ever be victorious over the determination of faithful Muslim warriors. The United States, Great Britain and Israel deploy their military power against what they call terrorists exactly the same way as Hitler, Goering and Goebbels terrorized and killed the freedom fighters of Europe who were battling against Nazism. Israelis assassinate freedom fighters in their cars shooting rockets from their helicopters. They wage an armed war of nerves on civilians; in short, they use state terrorism as Hitler did. In Afghanistan, the latest US Axis of Evil, (Bush, Cheney, Powell and Rumsfeld) seems to specialize in preferably bombing Afghan wedding parties from stratospheric heights. Rumsfeld called it an unavoidable accident of war. The Afghan survivors told *The Guardian* (July 4, 2002): 'It was like an abattoir - blood all around'. When Americans do it, nobody names it war crimes. Even cursory knowledge of Islam would reassure the western world, that Muslims do not seek cutthroat rivalry abroad at all. Current tensions are solely the outcome of American and western support for repressive Arab regimes, with as an additional irritant the presence of Israel as a kind of 52nd American state in the heart of the Muslim world. Yet, Arabs are nevertheless belatedly prepared to accept the existence of a Jewish

state as an unavoidable new reality. Much the same way as when Hong Kong was returned to China, no one in Beijing thought of driving former inhabitants of the British Crown colony into the sea. The Chinese dealt with this last vestige of colonialism in pragmatic way. Consequently, thousands of British citizens and employees of companies stayed on their jobs to the advantage of China and the region itself.

Israel has in spite of all its troubles developed an advanced model of a modern society. Once all the present political confusion and religious hocus-pocus about the presumed impossibility to co-exist has been sorted out, Israel could and will most likely become the most important western outpost in the Middle East for the benefit of all and mostly for those millions and millions of young Arabs that need jobs and knowledge in order to build a decent life for themselves and their families. Future generations of Jews will find it much easier to work with new generations of Muslims.

I lived in South Africa (1986-1992) during the changeover from apartheid to political independence for blacks. It became soon crystal clear, that new generations of blacks, whites, coloureds and Indians had far less problems to live and work together than they ever thought possible in the years of near total separation of the races. However, it must be added, that in South Africa religious beliefs did not stand in the way of reconciliation as it does on other parts of the world. Hostile and implacable attitudes over who will control what in, for instance, Jerusalem, are still insurmountable controversies in the Middle East.

Nor can it be denied, as Osama bin Laden has so often complained, that over the past several hundred years, western civilization made deep and unwanted inroads into the Muslim world. Growing numbers of devout believers of Islam share his opinion. ‘Fourteen hundred years ago a new faith burst out of the Arabian deserts and exploded like forked lightening

onto three continents. Under the oasis green banner of the Prophet Mohammed, the warriors of Islam converted whole civilizations to their holy book, their way of life and their world view,' noted David Aikman and others in a *Time* essay on 'The Sword of Islam' (June 15, 1992). The resurrection of Muslim fundamentalism is a direct outcome of what is seen as beating back, an even more dangerous crusade, than when Christians openly marched in the 12th century on Constantinople to slit as many throats of Muslims as could be found. The presence of thousands of male and female US soldiers on the soil of Saudi Arabia is interpreted by the bin Ladenites as a virus of a new western anarchistic, materealistic and at the same time an extremely destructive invasion for Islam. The Axis of Evil in the present White House lacks the brains, education and experience to take Muslim sensibilities seriously. Naturally, these men are seen from the Tora Bora Mountains as new barbarians.

My Dutch forebears were born, lived or worked in the Dutch East Indies. Then and now, the Republic of Indonesia is the largest Muslim nation in the world. When I worked as a young journalist in the 50's and 60's in Jakarta, being the 4th generation of my family visiting there, I learned at an early age not to yoke about President Sukarno's funny hat, a black fez Indonesians call 'pitji'. Many of my compatriots used to make fun of Muslim head wear. As long as western stand up comedians permit themselves to describe Yasser Arafat's head wear as a common dishcloth, and as long as our audiences find a cheap jab at the unknown still extremely funny, the time has not arrived for peaceful coexistence between civilizations.

'There are many reasons why Muslims are critical of the West,' said professor of Arab Studies at Georgetown University, Ibrahim Ibrahim. 'It is not theological. It is a grievance of colonialism. We have been humiliated. The West defined the world for Muslims,' adds Tunisian lawyer Abdelwahab Bel-

wahi. ‘Colonialism tried to deform all the cultural traditions of Islam. I am not an Islamist; I don't think there is a conflict between religions. There is a conflict between civilizations. Islamic militancy is entirely political, since Muslims reject regimes founded on transplanted ideologies.’ The views of Osama bin Laden are widely shared throughout the Muslim world. Americans have but one Pavlovian reaction to what they don't understand: kill the bastards.

(4) Gangster Sharon

Simple minds seek simple answers. Bush looks for easy answers. He isn't bothered by expertise on any foreign policy issue. The accent of Colin Powell's career, a veteran sharpshooter during the Vietnam War, lay on matters how to militarily eliminate enemies and destroy the Vietcong, rather than making an in depth study of how to constructively conduct international relations. Nevertheless the Department of State informed Bush, that the epicenter of Muslim rage was situated in and around Palestine. Therefore the president decided to have a closer look at the situation.

The most intelligent way for this Global Cop to get his facts straight was to inform himself exclusively about one side of the drama by opening up a running dialogue with Ariel Sharon and skip Arafat altogether. Why complicate matters by listening to what Palestinians might have to say? Information that Sharon committed in 1982 bloody war crimes in the Arab refugee camps of Sabra and Shatilla, that prompted an Israeli investigative committee to declare him unfit to ever again hold the office of minister of defence, seem to have eluded Bush completely. It happened too long ago prior to his tenure. The current Israeli Prime Minister clearly is a criminal gang-

ster. He thinks like one, acts like one and talks like one. He bluntly tells the press, that he wished he had killed Arafat twenty years ago. George junior, also accustomed to gangster conversations about petroleum at the dinner table at his parents home, naturally considers Sharon as his shining light and a great military ally in Arab affairs.

In fact, having been a resident of New York City (1958-1992) I affirm, that the far majority of Americans thinks and feels as uncivilized and cruel like the Bushes and Sharon's do. Simply get rid of any guy that is making a nuisance of himself. Bin Laden? Kill the bastard. Castro? Shoot him, or send him poisoned cigars. Lumumba? Let the CIA hack him to pieces. Allende? Bring Pinochet in and shoot him. The list of foreign political leaders, presidents, prime ministers or heads of state, that have been overthrown since 1945 on orders of the White House, the CIA and other criminals in Washington is many pages long. Too often, they were democratically chosen leaders who were forcibly removed by US overt or covert operations to be replaced by fascist killers. General Suharto (Indonesia), a certified mass murderer of hundreds of thousands of suspected political opponents and innocents, was kept 32 years in power with massive US, Japanese and European military and financial aid. The same rich governments are now eagerly championing the persecution of former Yugoslav leaders as war criminals, before a special tribunal in The Hague. Of course, Washington refuses to acknowledge the jurisdiction of a new International Criminal Court in The Hague over American citizens, because countless Americans in high places would end up behind bars for the same criminal acts, that Slobodan Milosevic is standing trial for now.

Bush mistakenly looks upon the current cataclysm in the Islamic world stretching as far as Indonesia and the Philippines, as being simply caused by the evil genius of Saudi freedom fighter Osama bin Laden. The White House fails to under-

stand, that its difficulties in continuing to dominate the Muslim world and its natural resources is basically a renewed 21st century battle against western imperialism and colonialism. Nor is it the only US misinterpretation of why anti-Americanism is sharply on the increase across the globe. It is not just the Arab world which resents the Bush experiment in imbecility by cozening up to Ariel Sharon and ignoring the PLO. Particularly so, since this man has recently been repeating his Sabra and Shatilla patent on war crimes in Jenin, and other Palestinian cities. Bush behaves towards Sharon, as if suddenly Radavan Karadzic would once more be the ideal ally in plotting new moves on the Balkan's.

When, at the request of the Security Council, the United Nations sent a mission to investigate mass murder in Jenin, Sharon simply told them to get lost. He had them barricaded in a hotel and escorted to the airport. Bush and Sharon are dealing with the United Nations in the same way Hitler and Mussolini treated the League of Nations in Geneva. The first world organization went under, because nobody reacted when Germany and Italy unilaterally went their own way in world affairs. US and Israeli behavior in 2002 begins more and more to resemble Nazi Germany and fascist Italy in the 1930's. History does have the tendency to repeat itself. The world remained silent when Mussolini overran Abyssinia in 1935, much the same way as the world is looking the other way while Israel, with US support, continues its Zionist tradition in committing war crimes in Palestine.

UN representative Terje Roed-Larsen, who spoke of 'horrific destruction beyond belief in Jenin', first, confirmed that a blood bath had taken place in Jenin on April 18, 2002. Marie Colvin reported, 'that human senses were overwhelmed by the devastation and the stench of death upon entering the ruins of this Palestinian city'. She wrote about Israeli tank tracks leading to the body of Jamal Sabagh (28), father of three. A

tank smashed him. What had once been a young man was now rotting flesh mingled with shredded clothing mashed into the earth. One foot was all that looked human. The Israeli Army had banned ambulances from Jenin for 11 days, and neighbors were too terrified to go to him. He was a diabetic and not a freedom fighter. His wife and children fled, but he was too afraid to be taken for a suicide bomber and stayed where he was. Only after the Israelis had yelled over megaphones that they were going to blow up his house, that he gathered a bag of medicines and eventually lined up with other men on Seha Street. Soldiers yelled to take of his shirt and trousers. He did but clung to his bag with medicine as he tried to unbuckle his belt. He was slow and his friends told *The Times* that soldiers had shot him. Others were taken with virtually no clothes to the Army base at Salem. (Jenin: The Bloody Truth, *The Times,* April 21, 2002).

Of course, when no one in the world dares to raise his voice in protest against US-Israeli war crimes and everybody remains afraid to call a spade a spade, quo vadis humanity? As long as all of us refuse to recognize that what is sausage for the goose is sauce for the gander, Bush en Sharon will continue to get away with murder. As long as the world behaves like cowards and measures war crimes with double standards, the US Gang of Four will have its way. The Bush II White House lacks the intelligence and brainpower, to demand from the Israeli leader that he simply observes international law. Even compared to the first Bush Administration, the second Bush White House behaves like lawless vigilantes. If international standards would be applied to superpower bosses as well, the entire current command of the United States would he receiving oneway tickets to the newly opened ICC in The Hague.

Just as Adolf Hitler felt in the late thirties that he could do anything he wanted, Bush feels likewise that is free and not bound to observe the Charter of the UN to plan a blood bath

of his own in Iraq. With Cheney, Rumsfeld and Powell - three cronies who used to cook up mischief for Dad - junior Bush is preparing a Blitzkrieg against Saddam Hussein. It's a repetition of the old Hitler tactic to invade weaker neighbors. Rumsfeld has already visited US bases in Kuwait and Qatar as well as those of the 5th, fleet in Bahrain. Special forces and covert CIA Waffen-SS action would even be launched inside Iraq. According to a report in *The Observer* (July 7, 2002), even Jordan would be used as a 'jumping off point' for some 250.000 US soldiers chosen for this latest job of wanton US aggression. The motorway Amman-Baghdad is, after all, only 600 miles. According to eyewitnesses preparations are underway at the Muafaq Salti air base at Azraq, 50 miles east of Amman on the road to Baghdad. In exchange, Washington will double its 'aid' to Jordan up to 500 million. General Tommy Franks and the chairman of the Jordanian Chiefs of Staff, general Khalid Jamil Surayrih conferred the end of June on attacking neighbor Iraq in collusion with another puppet of the US Axis of Evil. In the mean time did both Jordan's foreign minister, Marwan Muasher, and Information minister, Mohammad Al-Adwan categorically state, that Jordan would never allow this to happen.

Nevertheless, in true Nazi tradition, Bush & Co are preparing a superpower attack on an Arab nation of 25 million. Iraq is an extremely desirous objective, since it would be without a US blockade, the second largest oil producer in the Near East. Iraq has been seriously weakened first by the war with Iran and second by the Gulf War with a grand alliance of states, when the backbone of the Iraqi Army was destroyed. Then followed the near fatal economic blockade that even spread hunger and disease. I visited Baghdad in May 2002. Suffering Iraqis do put on a brave face, but compared to their erstwhile prosperity and affluence, one wonders why it has to be this way. Why not bring Saddam to Camp David and find a non-violent solution? There was a time, when the same man wasn't looked

upon as being evil and even considered an admired and trusted ally of both Dad and Margaret Tatcher. Now, the White House swore to take out Saddam, dead or alive of course, commemorating the old days of the Texas sheriff. Will the son do a better job at it than the father? Osama bin Laden, too, used to be considered in Washington a true freedom fighter with the US and against the USSR. He too is now being hunted as an evil war criminal.

(5) Suicide bombers

Memories run short. Many believe that suicide bombers are an invention first launched on 09-11 in New York and Washington. But in 1983 a gigantic blast killed 241 US soldiers in their barracks Beirut, the Lebanon. For 20 years, Iranian Hizbullah (Party of God) guerrilla's acted as shock troops for the Iranian Islamic Revolution. The US identified them as Shiite terrorists. They carried out waves of suicide bombings, airline hijackings and numerous hostage takings. Especially among young Muslims post colonial Arab ruling elite's, who play ball with the US are sharply rejected. The more Bush connives with Sharon against the PLO, the more anti-American passions will rise in the Afro-Asian world. Al Queda is simply an extension of earlier blunt warnings to the West, that unless America stopped interfering in the internal affairs of the Muslim world - by example the free delivery of the latest most deadly weapons, rockets and technologies to Israel - more freedom fighters would be ready to bring the ultimate sacrifice.

It makes George Bush's question, ‘why do they hate us?’ his very first asinine reaction to 09-11. If the man had done his homework, he could have answered himself. Americans are totally in the dark about the global mischief their govern-

ments have been manufacturing since World War II. After the twin towers collapsed in Manhattan, 'they felt their innocence had been shattered,' said anthropologist Wade Davis of the *National Geographic.* Innocent? Americans are as guilty as hell! The only response to whatever they do not understand regarding the feelings or motivations of peoples in far away lands, is 'get the B-52's and B-1B's ready and load them with precision-guided laser bombs.'

All of us, including the suicide bombers who are engaged in a Jihad against Israel and America, now live in the so-called American age. The British journalist Henry Fairlie, who for several decades worked for *The Times* in Washington, defined America as 'The Spoiled Child of the Western World' (Double Day, New York, 1976). Alexander the Great slept with the *Iliad* under his pillow. He found his heroes in the noble spirits of Achilles and Hercules. As British historian, Thomas Carlyle once wrote, 'Napoleon was our last great man, because modern times deny both the existence as the desirability of great men.' The current Yankee hero, George the Great seems to never skip an episode of *The Bold and the Beautiful.* All he is, is the epitome of a spoiled kid from a *nouveau riche* Texan oil clan. Hardly the ideal choice amongst 280 million Americans to guide the nation through stormy weather.

When from the White House rose garden Bush delivered June 24, 2002 his long awaited speech on the Middle East, an Israeli cabinet minister remarked to the Dutch paper *NRC-Handelsblad,* 'It looks as if the Likud (Sharon's party) wrote the text.' The Israeli paper *Ha'aretz* commented, that the Bush Administration had accepted the Israeli line on the conflict with Arafat and apparently approved Israeli war crimes in the occupied territories. Yasser Arafat seemed to have entered the mind of this US president as the latest member of his concept of an Axis of Evil.

Unsurprisingly, Sharon and his supporters were elated. But

was this fateful speech of Bush Jr. really in the interest of Israel or the United States? Bush seemed only sensitive to deceptions by Arafat and the PLO. But what about the deceptions of Sharon & Co? They promised the world that there would be no new settlements in Palestinian occupied territories. Instead, 'new settlements sprout daily like poisoned mushrooms,' said Yossi Sarid, leader of the Israeli opposition party Meretz. Bush's call for a new Palestinian leadership and the removal of Arafat as chairman of the PLO was apparently inspired, as we were told in *The New York Times,* by the revelation that US intelligence services discovered that Arafat had made a payment of 20.000 dollars to a group that claimed a recent suicide attack in Jerusalem. The document came to Washington through the Mossad, Israel's most important spy organization, created by David Ben-Gurion in 1951. Other Israeli intelligence organizations are: the IDF (military), Amman (intelligence branch of the IDF), API (Air Force), BP (Paramilitary border police and occupied territories), NI (Naval Intelligence), GSS (or Shin Bet or SHABEK, internal security) and RPPC (Research and Political Planning Center) (*The Secret History of the Mossad,* Gordon Thomas, St. Martin Press, New York, 1999)

For the RPPC it is standard procedure to manufacture on demand any desired document. As here, a far too convenient transparent was used as proof to convince dilettante statesman Bush, that Arafat was giving money to suicide bombers and therefore is an evil man. Nor would junior be the first US president to fall for similar tricks played by intelligence services.

Bernard Wasserstein, History professor at Glasgow University told *The Times* (June 30, 2002) that indeed the by then notorious speech on the crisis in the Near-East did fan terror in the region even more. 'The shallowness of real concern for democratic reform is indicated in the fact that, by all accounts, the favored American (and Israeli) candidate to replace Arafat is a former chief of the Palestinian secret police,' Wasserstein said.

The British historian feared that with his call for Arafat to disappear from the scene Bush had undercut his own political objectives by driving Palestinians even more into the arms of their godfathers.

In short: new legions of suicide bombers will be lining up following Bush's manifest babble about condoning the continued war crimes by Israel against Muslims in Palestine. An Al Queda guerrilla is one answer to renewed and unparalleled aggressive US imperialism. Even Joseph Stalin drew the conclusion after the USSR had first come under attack by German fascists, that 'not heroes make history, but history makes heroes'. Osama bin Laden is a clear historic Muslim emergency answer to US-Israeli aggression. Many in the Afro-Asian world asked themselves, who else will oppose the dollarization of the globe led by the gang of four in Washington?

Heroism is not just bravery. Heroism is a virtue: the virtues of the Romans. 'Virtues included ideas of valour and excellence,' wrote British journalist Henry Fairlie. 'Valor is again different from courage. It is a quality that makes us courageous when it matters, the character that makes the courage seem more than an act of bravery. Heroism is courage given a value that is beyond courage.' (Too rich for heroes, *Harper's Magazine,* November 1978).

Suicide bombers of the 21st century are genuine heroes. History produced them. They fight against US-Israeli interventionism and new and provocative military intrusions of their holy grounds by using bare hands and naked bodies. This time, the 'new world' descended on Muslims to subdue and exploit them and induce them to accept the American way of life as the sole road to happiness and prosperity for all. But, like the crusaders of the 12th century, Western invaders find Mujahideen and Al Queda blocking their evil schemes.

Palestinians have no other weapons to resist Israel than with human bombs. Young men, and even girls, blow themselves

up at places where it hurts Israel most. The PLO has no tanks, no armored personnel carriers to wrap their freedom fighters safely in steel, to protect them from enemy bullets or to be able to counter-attack their invaders. After all, who invaded whom first? Jews committed a forced entrance of Palestine exactly the same way Hitler invaded the Netherlands. We also formed resistance bands to sabotage and kill our unwanted trespassers. When Dutch guerrilla fighters killed German soldiers, the Nazis immediately took innocent hostages and executed them. Sharon does exactly the same in Palestine. In response, Hamas warriors retaliate, who cannot get close to military targets in Israel, because they would be immediately detected and destroyed before inflicting damage. What else should they do?

'But these Hamas criminals kill innocent civilians!' Americans shouted in exasperation, when I was in New York following 09-11. My reply: 'Did Americans loose any sleep over becoming the first nation in history to use the atomic bomb over Hiroshima and Nagasaki filled with innocent civilians, causing 224.000 deaths and an equal number of seriously wounded? Did any of you ever figure out how many Japanese pizza parlors were hit by those two atomic sweeps alone? Don't accuse others with your own mass-murdering record of atomic and chemical warfare record everywhere in the world.'

(6) Mujahideen

The story of the guerrilla warfare following the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is somewhat known. Few have familiarized themselves with relevant details, while nevertheless most people feel they have formed a correct opinion about what happened. If they had informed themselves properly,

they would not have so enthusiastically endorsed Bush's crazy war on terrorism to be launched out of all places right there. Nevertheless, the president ordered the Marines, bombers and warships to catch Osama bin Laden 'dead or alive.' The president got himself entangled into a quagmire even worse and more dangerous than Vietnam. And why was he so stupid? Because, running a baseball team or even the state of Texas is not quite the same as beginning another quixotic crusade against Muslims, this time as late as in the 21st century.

Initially, most observers gave the Mujahideen no chance against the Soviets. The Kremlin aimed at a Blitz with modern, mechanized, and technologically advanced weaponry. Yet, nine years later, the communist superpower withdrew from Afghanistan in disgrace after losing 13,833 young soldiers. An estimated 1.3 million Afghans lost their lives while over a third of the entire population, 5.5 million became refugees.

The population of Afghanistan consists of Pashtuns, Tajiks, Uzbeks, Turkmen's, Persian speaking Hazaras, Balochis and various smaller tribes. An estimated 99 percent of all 17 million inhabitants are Muslims. Of these, 85 per cent are Sunni, the others mostly Shia. 'The Mujahideen are true volunteers - unpaid warriors with family responsibilities who fought to protect their faith and community,' wrote Ali Ahmad Jalali, a former colonel in the Afghan Army, and Lester Grau, a general in the US Army in their 400-page report *Afghan Guerrilla Warfare* (MBI Publishing, St. Paul, Minnesota). The US, China, Britain, France, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates funneled military, humanitarian and financial aid via Pakistan to the Afghan resistance to cause further bloodletting among Soviet soldiers. When Osama bin Laden joined the struggle in Afghanistan, he was looked upon in Washington as a staunch ally of the West. In reality, he is a pure Muslim freedom fighter against any threats from any quarter against Islam. And that includes the menace coming from the Bush White House.

Immediately following 09-11 the US commander-in-chief was persuaded by former associates of his Dad into ordering his own military adventure in Afghanistan. For a man, who knows all about innings, battered balls and strike zones, it must have been quite a switch to be in the White House situation room ordering pilots to use laser guided bombs on live people. The Afghan Taliban did harbour Al Queda freedom fighters like the US are the worldwide headquarters for illegal, criminal activities of the CIA and connected murder organizations. It's doubtful Bush ever read the fully documented pages on Mujahideen warfare by the two generals in the above-mentioned book. They illustrated each ambush or guerrilla attack against the Soviets with detailed maps. This lively documentation of actions of war make chilling, and bloodcurdling reading. The Soviets employed massive military force, including tanks, artillery and helicopter gun ships against an almost barefoot underground army, and at the end of the day they lost and left the Mujahideen alone.

(7) Colonialism revisited

What Washington and Tel Aviv both seem to constantly ignore are some of the inescapable facts what they also are up against in the Middle East. For instance, 60 per cent of the population in the Gulf region is under the age of 25. The Arab work force will double by the year 2020. In Saudi Arabia alone, 3.3 million people are unemployed. In 2020 eight million additional jobs are needed. *The Economist* (March 23, 2002) pointed out that Saudi Arabia alone has 5 million students in its universities, which is eight times as many as in 1970. King Fahd is incapacitated by a stroke. His stand-in Crown Prince Abdullah (78) has not quite the appeal that enables young

Saudi's to look up to in reverence. That honor is reserved for bin Laden, whose tape-recorded speeches are hot items for young people throughout the Arab world. New wave young Muslims are waiting for reasonable future in an ever more crowded part of the globe. They know their crooked leaders are playing ball with the new colonial mandarins in Washington.

Michael Elliott described the June 24, 2002 address on the crisis between Israel and the PLO like 'a speech given by a colonial governor.' He added, 'Bush set out the conditions they had to meet before winning approval from the Great White Father. Imperialism is back in vogue.' (*Time,* July 8, 2002). His national security advisor, Condoleezza Rice, is primarily a specialist in Soviet affairs and the Cold War. This young lady defended her boss on ABC television with the words, 'This is the most experienced administration in foreign policy in quite some time. This president is leading a brilliant war against terrorism.' Fortunately, Miss Rice is quite an accomplished piano player and classical musician. When she leaves the White House with her Republican boss in 2005 for good she will be contracted by the Woman's Club of Sheboygan, Wisconsin to come and play Chopin. For the moment she is telling TV viewers unmitigated nonsense about her boss. Bush is reinventing wheel in foreign affairs. He is even dictating Palestinians what they have to do before the US would recognize a Palestinian state. He will never get away with his presenting colonialist prerequisite conditions to Arab freedom fighters. *Time's* Elliott was a bit mild when he called the Bush approach to Arafat 'all mighty odd.' It actually was crazy.

(8) Terrorists

The Counter Terrorism Center (CTC) at the CIA headquarters in

Langley, Virginia, has become the spy organization's busiest outfit. It consumes hectares of space with computers whirring, phones jangling and TV sets turned on 24 hours a day. This main section of the CIA has grown so large, that corridors have been given street names like Saddam Street and Osama bin Lane. Some 1.100 analysts and clandestine agents are employed here. It receives every day 2.500 cables from CIA stations all over the world. The CTC grinds out 500 terrorism intelligence reports a month, some of which are being distributed to 80 other US government agencies. The group also prepares a daily top-secret report for the president, called the 'Threat Matrix' with an average of 25 pages. It contains a running tab of possible terrorism threats.

Time writers Douglas Waller and Christopher Preston further reported that the biggest prize they so far had captured was bin Laden's chief of operations and recruiting, Saudi born Palestinian, Abu Zubaydah (31), who was caught during a gun battle in a villa near Faisalabad, Pakistan. He was rather seriously wounded, but after he recovered, he began to spill some beans about future Al Queda operations. An estimated 10.000 documents were recovered from this Al Queda safe house. In order to find Zubaydah, the CIA had formed a task force and manned it with 100 covert operatives, CIA analysts, technicians and even agency rookies, who had agreed to interrupt their spy training to mine data banks for this special assignment. Actually, since 1995 a group of 50 CIA officers has been working full time on locating, killing or capturing Osama bin Laden. A similar group has been set up to find another of his top aides, Egyptian Ayman Al-Zawahiri, whom the CIA also still considers to be alive and on the run.

Americans say that they have arrested 2.000 Al Queda suspects around the world, with many thousands supposed to be still at large. Ten of the 24 men the CIA considers to be senior bin Laden lieutenants have been killed or are in custody. This

leaves 14 top Al Queda operatives in command. *Time* writers call them, as do Bush, the US government, the CIA and CNN 'terrorists.' The serious reader, however, should not be misled and see them for what they are, namely anti-imperialist freedom fighters.

It would be a fatal mistake to assume, that capturing or killing bin Laden would end the current global guerrilla warfare against worldwide US imperialism. Aside from ETA in Spain, Red Brigades in Italy, Aum Shinrikyo in Japan, the IRA in Ireland or even Timothy McVeigh in the US, there are numerous lesser known resistance organizations, foremost in the Muslim world. Bush assumes he can stamp them all out by an insane War on Terrorism. He launched his very first assault on Al Queda, because he held them responsible for 09-11. Others are to be attacked next. According to Bush a terrorist is a criminal who deliberately kills civilians. The difference between freeddom fighter killing, deliberate assassinations, for instance with F-16's and collateral 'damage' victims, elude the man from Texas altogether.

That is too complicated for his Yale and Harvard trained mind. Between 1960 and 1975 alone, millions innocent Asian civilians perished as a direct result of another US crusade. The one against communism. Through military intervention in Asia, which introduced open chemical warfare in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, the United States ranks among the foremost nations that violated not only human rights but also it's legal and ethical obligations under international law. The US has committed some of the most hideous war crimes in human history. In Bush's mind there is a fundamental difference between the 3.800 victims of 09-11 in America or the 224.000 burned men, women and children in 1945 in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Atom bombs on open cities was fine. Airliners flown into buildings is unacceptable.

To US minds Osama bin Laden is a war criminal. Period. No

discussion necessary. He should be shot, like the top Nazis were hanged in Nuremberg. Why? Beacause his suicide commandos deliberately killed Americans. (It remains unproven that 09-11 was a bin Laden operation.) On the other hand, Harry Truman is considered an undisputed nationale hero. Yes, he killed 224.000 innocent Japanese civilians with two atom bombs, but that was different. The Japanese had it coming, they had declared war on America.

What most Americans fail to recognize is, that millions of Muslims look upon Osama bin Laden and Yasser Arafat as icons of resistance. Al Queda is the same type of guerilla movement as we organised against the Nazis. To millions of Muslims, Osama bin Laden is a resistance hero. He is leading Muslims into the final battle against US-Israëli aggresion. That is why many Arabs were relieved and congratulated each other when they heard that their own young men had finally struck back at America. It was the same joy Americans felt when they bombed open cities of the Nazi Axis powers in retaliation for enemy aggression. Both sides are wrong, ofcourse. One does not aim at non-combattants ever.

(9) Yale

Bush graduated from Yale at the height of the Vietnam War in 1968. In his autobiography, *A Charge to Keep* (Harper Collins, New York, 1999), he underlined that he and his friends avoided attending lectures by speakers, who came to New Haven to discuss the war in Vietnam. Apparently, Yale academia missed a golden opportunity to install the lucid notion into minds of undergraduates, that in order to form an opinion one has to acquire as many ingredients of information as possible. I learned this significant basic lesson early in life at the dinner table.

George was born at Yale, when his Dad was an undergraduate there. The elder Bush continues his vengeful crusade against Iraq through his obedient eldest son, who has promised his Dad to finish the job. When I was an undergraduate at Yale in the Class of 1950, as president of the Yale International Club, we invited as many outside speakers as were willing to come to Pierson College to share alternative argument and different points of view with us. I brought a number of ambassadors and diplomats from the United Nations to be our guests in New Haven, Connecticut. How else were we to gain insight into Political Science and International Relations? For the junior Bush even at Yale it was an easy way out by ignoring diverse opinions. Problems were easier to grasp when one has less options to choose from. Naturally, poor George is skipping Arafat altogether. He even wants him removed, because the Israeli-Palestinian conflict would be so much easier to handle without this pig-headed freedom fighter hanging on to power. The mental handicap of the current US president was recently illustrated when, on August 1, 2002, King Abdullah of Jordan sat next to him in the Oval Office. The king's face expressed considerable dismay whilst listening to the claptrap of George II. Sharon had ordered an F-16 to kill Hamas freedom fighter Salah Shehada in Gaza City. The building where he lived was destroyed, members of his family and nine children and babies who als lived there were killed. Sharon immediately called these murders ‘a great success’. Understandably, a few days later Palestinian freedom fighters detonated a heavy bomb at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Seven dead and dozens wounded.

Bush, with the king, whose wife is a Palestinian, on his side declared, ‘I am just as angry as Israël is right now. I am furious that innocent lives were lost. However, through my fury, even though I am mad, I still believe peace is possible.’ Bush is not even aware, that when speaking to the media, he gives him-

self away by identifying himself completely with the Israëli side of the conflict. Bill Clinton, also educated at Yale, probably picked up later at Oxford, that you do not call yourself a mediator when you side 100 percent with one party in a conflict. There will be no peace in the Middle East until this Gang of Four is voted out of the office. One dreads to think of how much blood has got to flow first in the Arab world until the day that US voters will final send a man with non-chaotic brains to the White House.

In his mémoir, Bush wrote (p.p. 50) that the main concern for him and his buddies at Yale was whether or not to join the military and fight in Vietnam. George ended up by enlisting with the Texas Air National Guard and got training as a pilot. Had he bodily participated in the battle against communist guerrillas in Southeast Asia (who, of course, also were called terrorists) he would have viewed the film Born on the Fourth of July (in which Tom Cruise plays disabled Vietnam War veteran Ron Kovic), as director Oliver Stone did. Stone also attended Yale, but he was man enough to serve in Vietnam and share with other young Americans the horrors of this mad war. Yet, the 43rd president of the United States is losing little sleep over starting another war, which will result in the slaughter of foreigners and Americans alike. Junior Bush has no clue as to what he is up against. He has already decided at Yale that the less one knows about the real problems one is up against, the easier it is to decide. In 2002 this idiot is the most powerful man in the world.

Following the disaster of 09-11 Bush declared it to be the ultimate goal of his War on Terrorism to wipe out all terrorists in the world. Obviously, this is easier said than done. This president seems incapable of perceiving that his concept would literally mean taking on many millions of devoted Muslims. He is in for a rude awakening from this hallucinatory notion, that he is able by superior military means, alone, to eliminate

the worldwide opposition to his Global Cop playing. He will probably meet his Waterloo in Baghdad, as Richard Nixon met his ultimate military defeat in Saigon. Some political observers expect that to enable the White House to carry out its devious plan against Iraq, another Al Queda type attack on America will be needed. This will be done to firmly mobilize national and international support for such an illegal and criminal act on the part of the most powerful democracy in the world.

It should be remembered, that in 1961 the Joint Chiefs of Staff under the chairmanship of general Lyman Lemnitzer, planned a secret operation under the code-name Operation Northwoods. James Bamford, in his book *Body of Secrets,* (Doubleday, New York, 2001 p.p. 82-83) named it 'the most corrupt plan ever created by the US government'. It called for innocent people to be shot in American streets, boats carrying refugees fleeing from Cuba to be sunk, and a wave of violent terrorism to be launched in Washington, Miami and elsewhere. Ofcourse, all these interior terrorist acts courtesy of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Bamford explained: 'People would be framed for bombings they did not commit. Planes would be hijacked. Using phoney evidence, all of it would be framed on Castro, thus giving Lemnitzer and his cabal the excuse, as well as the public and international backing, they needed to launch a war.' On the basis of my 34 years as a foreign journalist operating form New York, I question whatever the Bush clique says about both 09-11 or the latest US conspiracy to eliminate Saddam. Remember how they intended to create an alibi to pre-empt Castro? But then, JFK was in the White House. He cancelled these insidious Pentagon plans. In doing so he made even more enemies who were ready to have him bumped off as having gone soft on Fidel. In reality, JFK intended to maintain international law and the Charter of the UN. He refused to approve vigilante initiatives in foreign policy. If a second Al

Queda type disaster would hit America, possibly even arranged by Washington itself, the Gang of Four might easily gain massive support for a Hiroshima type of solution in Baghdad.

Bush's neo-Nazi megalomania leads him to believe that he will make the world safe for a Pax Americana. Adolf also believed at some point, that he could simultaneously fight the allies in the west and Stalin in the east. He was confronted with reality at Stalingrad. There, Hitler met his Waterloo. Bush awaits a similar disaster, unless his friend Tony Blair can make him see the light and soon.

(10) Blind Rage

Daniel Williams of the *Washington Post* succeeded in meeting and interviewing some members of the Al Aqsa Martyr Brigades. They are the young Palestinian militants, who sprang up during the most recent uprising against Israel. They are action-oriented gunmen and number in the thousands. They have gone deep underground since Sharon ordered his tanks to enter Palestinian cities and have his soldiers hunt down as many prospective suicide bombers as they could find, murder, arrest or lock up. The Aqsa Brigades still upstage both Hamas (Islamic Resistance Movement) and the Islamic Jihad. The same goes for Arafat's political and armed group, Fatah, which assisted in directing the harder-edged AAMB fighters. The Israelis hate them since they consider them to be the warriors responsible for most suicide attacks on Israeli soldiers and civilians. Sharon hunts the AAMB leadership with helicopter gun ships and rockets and has them shot dead. They are even targeted in the cars they traveling in.

Rage does not obey orders, not from Arafat, not from Bush, not even from Sigmund Freud. Sharon's wild and precipitate

actions have led to new forms of collective rage among Palestinians and visa versa. Bush firmly concluded - and we have seen how he goes about informing himself since his days at Yale - that Sharon was right and Arafat wrong. This obdurate and outrageously stupid resolution has further enraged Arabs. Repressed and maladaptive anger has run amok on both sides. Israelis and Palestinians are locked in fear for each other. These are essentially emergency emotions that are biologically determined. Both peoples respond to affronts to their pride, status, manhood and dignity with biological defenses appropriate for assaults. They are continuously experienced as bloody threats to sheer survival. Apart from bodily harm the adversaries in the Middle East share deep psychological assaults on their well being, which propel violence and rage even further. Willard Gaylin, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons has warned, that human anger, per se, is not invariably a pathologic phenomenon, nor is it automatically translated into aggressive behavior. We actually don't know much about the biology of anger. The central nervous system remains an enigma, even today. 'We have not yet adequately chartered the anatomy - the structure - of the brain, let alone its physiology or function. Pathways of the brain have remained a mystery... Nothing - let me repeat nothing can be definitely said at this point about the chemistry of emotion, despite all the claims and counterclaims.' (*The Rage Within,* Simon & Schuster, New York, 1984). In the mean time, the current man in the White House plays world affairs by ear, and was far from trained in world affairs. His moronic conclusion of the current perils in the Near East was, that Sharon was right and Arafat wrong. This rush to judgment led to another crazy demand, namely, that the PLO chairman call off the boys of the Al Aqsa Martyr Brigades at once, or even better, vacate his chairmanship of the PLO altogether. Bush seemed to think, that Arafat had a convenient

magic switch in his Ramallah headquarters, with which he could, at will, turn off Arab rage.

The president lacks the intelligence to test his opinions with the chairman of the PLO, whom he has refused to see since he entered the White House. When in 1961 JFK prepared for his first summit with Nikita Khrushchev in 1961 in Vienna, he invited psychiatrist Dr. Bryant Wedge of the School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University to draft a report on the personality of the Soviet leader and how best to handle him. I went to interview professor Wedge. He explained how he had assembled a team of 20 psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists and historians. They analyzed speeches, films and television appearances of the general secretary of the CPSU. They handed JFK a 50-page manual on how speak and negotiate with Mr. K. It was Soviet intercontinental missile power that inspired Kennedy at the time to take the Kremlin very seriously. Unfortunately, in other instances, like dealing with Fidel Castro, JFK returned, as did most US presidents, to the classic White House reflex: 'Kill him.' If Bush would have been a true statesman, as miss Rice feels he is, and if he cared as profoundly for human rights as he says he does, he would be taking Arafat seriously as JFK had Khrushchev studied by the best men he could find. JFK would - like Bill Clinton did - at least have taken time out to listen.

Kennedy at least showed a degree of sophistication by consulting experts and scientists on how to deal intelligently with uncharted territory. If Bush had been properly educated for the job he now holds, he would have discovered many years ago, that we learn most from those with whom we fundamentally disagree. I joined the Club of Rome in 1971 and worked, in close cooperation with its chairman dr. Aurelio Peccei, for a dozen years in the former USSR. Like everybody else in the West, I arrived in 1971 in Moscow burdened by biased views and plenty of prejudice. I stayed till the fall of Gor-

bachev. One lesson I relearned in the USSR, to paraphrase Shakespeare, was that there was more happening in Russia than dreamt of in my philosophy. If I thought for a minute, that Bush was genuinely interested in this late hour what is really happening in the occupied territories of Palestine, I would send him myself Gaylin's book on Rage.

'Rage does not obey orders', wrote Uri Averny, head of the Israeli peace movement 'Gush Shalom' in *The New York Times* (March 28, 2002). He spoke of Israeli tanks running wild 'shooting indiscriminately in all directions, in an orgy of vandalism, causing panic to a whole population, and this induces helpless rage. When soldiers crush through a wall into a livingroom of a family, causing shock to children and adults, ransacking their belongings, destroying the fruits of a life of hard work, and then break the wall to the next apartment to wreak havoc there as well, it induces further helpless rage.'

Averny described how Israeli officers ordered soldiers to shoot at ambulances, to kill even doctors engaged in saving lives of the wounded. At least this Israeli writer was aware that suicide commando's are actually eliminating feelings of helplessness and despair among Palestinians, that are under constant attack by overwhelmingly superior US backed Israeli state terrorism. At the same time, Israelis are dumbfounded by these suicide attacks in their cities, 'because they don't know (and perhaps don't want to know) what is really happening in Palestinian towns and villages. The obedient Israeli media suppress the information, or water it down', wrote Uri Averny. It's Nazi Germany all over again. After the Third Reich collapsed in 1945 a far majority of Germans had no clue as to what their leaders had done to people in the Nazi occupied territories, or for that matter, to Jews. Both in Israel and the United States, the public is haphazardly and one-sidedly informed about realities on the ground. Just as their boss in the White House doesn't want to know the whole truth about

what criminal mischief his Israeli allies are really committing. Uri Avnery, a rare Israeli voice, penetrated for this one single occasion the otherwise deafening barrage of misinformation in US and western media. He ended his alarming message on this note: 'American politicians, like Israeli officers, do not understand what they are doing. When an overbearing US vice-president (Cheney) dictates humiliating terms for a meeting with Arafat, he pours oil on the flames. A person (Cheney) who lacks empathy for the suffering of the occupied people, who does not understand their condition, would be well advised to shut up. Because every such humiliation kills dozens of Israelis. After all, the suicide bombers are standing in line.'

(11) Israeli settlements

Western audiences are told by the present Gang of Four in Washington, that Arab terror is the root of all evil in the Middle East. But Israel captured during the 1967 war large chunks of Palestinian territory and categorically ignores all UN resolutions to give them back. They are intentionally depriving Palestinians of prime land and water. They are purposely breaking up Palestinian geographic continuity. Israel deliberately makes it impossible for a secure border to be established.

In an editorial, April 4, 2002, *The New York Times* recalled that before the Oslo Peace process began, settlements were still a major concern for the US government of Bill Clinton. Even father Bush at one time threatened to withhold loan guarantees from Israel worth 10 billion dollars, if the building of more settlements was not immediately frozen. The controversy over settlement policy between Washington and Tel Aviv eventually contributed to Shamir's downfall in 1992. Yitzak Rabin took over.

The Oslo Peace Talks started in 1993. Israeli settlement policy was then still a major concern for the US. But, while peace negotiations were proceeding, the US lost interest in illegal moves by Israeli settlers. Under a bombardment of US-Israeli propaganda Arafat was condemned by world public opinion as being responsible for the collapse of the talks. However, while the Oslo discussions were still proceeding an additional 100.000 illegal Israeli settlers invaded Palestinian territory bringing the total to 200.000. The standard Goebbels tricks were repeated by calling Arafat an unreliable partner and a murderous monster as well. How did anyone ever expect Arafat to overlook, or even agree beforehand, to this massive illegal settlers invasion of Palestinian territories for the sake of a so-called peace? How could Arafat ever allow illegal occupations to become part of a status quo?

The New York Times summarized this dilemma as follows: 'Two decades ago, most Israelis considered the settlers to be oddballs by messianism and nostalgia for the derring-do of Zionist pioneers. A few thousand, and then a few tens of thousands set up cheap mobile homes on windswept hillsides and vowed to double their number. But by the early 1990s, when Sharon served as Housing Minister, the situation had changed radically. Aided by government subsidies and other inducements, there were already 100.000 settlers. For Israelis, settlers were no longer zealots but ordinary fellow citizens. Suddenly their plumber or neighbor's sister was living in a big semi-detached house in a community on land captured (illegally) in 1967.' Does the outside world understand, that Palestinians look upon a seemingly endless occupation of their land as the continuation of war by other means? The present evil foursome that sets the rules for the world in Washington obviously does not. In utter myopic stupidity Bush, Cheney, Powell and Rumsfeld side with Sharon.

Concurrently, a so-called 'battle royal' is being waged be-

tween the Pentagon and the State Department over a joined approach to the Middle East. Powell and his staff continue to have grave concerns, that the unprecedented Israeli offensive and destruction of the Jenin refugee camp, and other similar actions by massive military force, have fostered a rage and hatred among Palestinians that will be extremely difficult to defuse. As it stands, it has only prompted thousands of Muslims throughout the world, to prepare themselves for the Jihad against American imperialism.

In the 1970s Sharon was Agriculture minister and promised by the year 2.000 that 2 million Jews would have become settlers. As foreign minister in 1998 he called on settlers to grab hilltops before they were ceded to Palestinians through ongoing negotiations. Now, Sharon is prime minister and named a former Soviet refusnik Natan Sharansky as Housing minister. At the same time, the present Defence minister, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer has authority over new settlement construction. Who will stop them?

Tim Golden reported from Givat Eshkodesh, an Israeli settlement on the West Bank, that Jews told him, that their illegally occupied hills ‘looked straight up to God’. Palestinians in the nearby village of Singil, however, told *The New York Times*-reporter, ‘They are coming closer all the time. The Jews here believe they have been chosen by God and that we are animals.’ (*The New York Times*, July 5, 2002). And, last but not least, the suicide bombers in the Eshkodesh region feel they serve Allah, if they shoot settler families in their houses, much the same way as Israeli tanks do aim at stone throwing children.

Yet, as David Ignatius eloquently summarized, ‘Twice over the past 20 years Sharon has gambled with Israel's security and lost. Each time the reason was essentially the same. He thought the explosive application of military power would demoralize and overpower his enemies - and intimidate them into submission. Both times, the “strategy” failed. Sharon op-

erates without any backup plan - other than waiting for a diplomatic rescue from the United States.' (*Washington Post,* March 23, 2002)

The first major butchery happened in Lebanon, when Sharon using the classic Hitler's Blitz method, thought he could quickly drive the PLO out of Beirut. But the Palestinians held their ground forcing Sharon to a siege of the Lebanese capital. Thanks to US intervention, Arafat and his men were safely led out of Beirut and settled in Tunisia. To this day, Sharon talks like a Nazi executioner, when he keeps saying, he wished he had killed Arafat in 1982.

The second strategy failure unfolded during 2001, when Sharon desperately tried to crush the new Palestinian Intifada by naked military power. Ignatius likened the latest Palestinian uprising to the collective equivalent of a suicide bomb. Sharon's approach showed the same flawed logic as when Washington believed the Vietnam War could be won by 'gradual escalation'. Lyndon Johnson and his successors assumed that the will of the enemy could be broken by employing ever more force. The Vietnamese made fools of America's military super power. Apparently nobody in Washington learnt anything from the Saigon debacle in 1975. They embarked on a similar military fiasco in Afghanistan, and are about to open a second front against Iraq. In the mean time, as James Bennet warned in *The New York Times,* 'the death ratio during the first Intifada 15 years ago was 25 dead Palestinians for one Israeli. In the present Intifada 3 Palestinians die against one Israeli'.

When Zionism overran Palestine in 1948 the Jewish invasion of a predominantly Arab state was simply a repeat performance of 19th century colonialism. During 52 years of systematic Israeli colonization Palestinians were powerless to effectively resist that 85 per cent of their land was taken over by unwanted foreigners. The invaders themselves had come as victims of Nazi terrorism. Slowly but securely the newcomers be-

came terrorists themselves. The evil mind of Sharon is now leading Jews behaving as Nazis to another blood bath in a life and death struggle with Muslims. Why do so many in America and the West refuse to accept the simple fact, that in 2002 Palestinians are resisting Israel no longer, because they are Jews, but because they stole and are continuing to steal their land?

(12) Oil

During the first half year of his son's Administration, the elder Bush picked up a phone twice to reassure Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi-Arabia, that his son's heart was in the right place when it came to dealing with the Middle East, reported Jane Perlez in *The New York Times* (July 15, 2001). Twice the former president had intervened in a critical foreign policy area. Prince Abdullah had complained, that the junior Bush was far too close to Ariel Sharon. Dad told the Saudi royal not to worry, his son was going to do the right thing. *The New York Times* added, that Dad had further assured the Crown Prince that his son had a true grasp of the Middle East situation. One dreads to think of what the Saudi ruler must have concluded from that telephone conversation. In the mean time, no one in America dares even to think about the question of how much Dad is still involved in affairs of state officially conducted by junior. Given the disparity in experience between father and son in foreign affairs, ‘it was a natural instinct for the father to guide his son informally,’ reported miss Perlez. After all, Dad made foreign affairs a sort of hallmark of his own presidency. Therefore, Dad continues to receive CIA briefings on all major issues on the world scene. He even requests this information on a far more frequent basis than other living former presidents. At Langley they joke about them as ‘president daddy's daily re-

port.' Jean Becker, current chief of staff of Bush I told *The New York Times* that the father was 'not comfortable' to talk about phone calls to his friends. 'The son's staff at the White House, does not return phone calls when reporters make efforts to discover to what extent father and son consult on matters of urgency in foreign affairs.'

It is well known, that the top echelon of the Bush II government, including the offices of vice-president Cheney and secretary of state Powell, former aides of Daddy are sprinkled through the present foreign policy machinery. General Brent Scowcroft, for instance, chairman of Warren Rudman, has also returned to the Administration of junior as chairman of the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. The general had been criticizing the son of his former boss for letting Arab friends down during the current Israeli-Palestinian crisis. He was first invited in July 2001 to the Bush summer home at Kennebunkport, Maine. There he was assessed once more by Daddy, after which reporters were told that he too, was returning to Washington to assist the son.

The Bush clan goes out of its way to hide from the public, to what extent father and son decide between themselves what is best for America and the world. *The New York Times* reported likewise, that after junior was in office five months, Daddy sent him a report drawn up by Korean expert, Donald P. Gregg, advising the Bush II Administration to keep the US, door to North Korea open. Not too long afterward, junior announced in his paranoid 2002 State of the Union Address, that the US was threatened by an Axis of Evil. According to CIA estimates, North Korea and possibly Iraq could have missiles capable of hitting the American mainland by 2015 (*The Economist,* February 2, 2002).

Six months after Dad dispatched his ideas on the Middle East to his son, George Jr. delivered his by now notorious speech to the world that an Axis of Evil was threatening world peace.

Scare tactics represent a classic trick to get public support. Hitler and Goebbels were masters at this game. To avoid anxiety, crucial portions of awareness are being closed off. Psychologist Daniel Goleman put it this way, 'We tune out, we turn away, and we avoid. Finally we forget, and forget we have forgotten. A lacuna hides the harsh truth.' (Id.: *Vital Lies, Simple Truths,* id. p.p. 244). But when the great leader of the free world suffers from this kind of cloudiness of mind, all of us are in trouble, and in mortal danger. No imaginary Axis of Evil threatens mankind or the survival of the human race. It is the defunct modus operandi of junior's brain that represent a deadly peril to all of humanity at the beginning of the 21st century. Junior even overruled his Dad on what to do in North Korea.

Paul Krugman commented in *The New York Times* (August 7, 2001), that Bush's heart belongs like that of his Dad to those who sell oil. In 1980 Saudi Arabia was still one of the richest countries in the world. Those were the days that Riyadh constructed a 20 billion dollar gargantuan airport, a third of which was immediately moth balled. The Saudi princes felt that the port of entrance to the kingdom should be able to compete with New York or Tokyo. Still, Saudi Arabia remains the world's largest petroleum exporter. What the House of Saud earns yearly in oil exports is about equal to what Americans spend yearly on cigarettes. The 5.000 or so princes and the great merchant families, like the bin Laden's, are indeed rich beyond the dream of avarice. But the kingdoms per head income is just a little higher than Mexico's. On the whole, the oil income for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries has dwindled from a peak of 150 Billion in 1980 to an average of 80 billion in the 1990s (*The Economist,* March 23, 2002).

The political situation in Arab nations in the 21st Century too often resembles the era of 19th century colonialism. The US, as the big powerful bully using superior military power to tell

the weaker nations what is good for them and whom they should choose as their leaders. The British in India and the Dutch in Indonesia used to seek close cooperation with Indian Maharajah's and Javanese sultans and princes. The British first, followed by the Americans, did the same in the Middle East.

Saudi Arabia was the only modern Muslim state in the region that was created by Jihad. In 1902, Saudi Arabia's founding father, Abdul Azis ibn Saud led 40 followers in a daring raid on Riyadh. His family had been linked to puritan Wahhabi clerics since the 18th century. Only in 1925 did the holy cities of Mecca and Medina fell to Saudi royals. Today 16 million barrels of oil leave the Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz. Gulf oil, including that from Iran and Iraq, accounts for 40 percent of global trade in oil. While most reserves will last for another 25 years, oil from the Gulf region is expected to last for another 100 years.

Apart from the Saudi royals, the West deals with Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad as-Sabah of Kuwait. In Bahrain rules Sheikh Hamad bin Issa al-Khalifa, in Oman Sultan Qaboos, in Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Than and in the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan. The Gulf's princes, princesses, sheikhs and sheikhas, and often their quite distant relatives, continue to enjoy perks of free travel on national airlines, free utilities and ownership of prime property. Most of the Gulf's royal clans have amassed large, and sometimes colossal fortunes, at the expense of the masses.

I lectured in the United States during the second half of the past century for W. Colston Leigh of New York on subjects like ‘The slow death of colonialism’, based on data I assembled during reporting from Afro-Asian countries between 1950 and 1990. The petroleum oriented Bush clan seems to have missed the point that the days of privilege and exploitation by western imperialists in developing lands are a thing of the past. Where they are still in operation they are surely on the way

out. Neither does one have to be an expert or a clairvoyant to understand, that new generations of educated Arabs, some of them having attended US colleges and universities, will certainly insist on the further democratization of their homelands. The Arab puppets of the Bushes and the Cheneys in the Middle East are walking on their last legs. Hence, it is unwise and short sighted to put one's eggs in Arab royal baskets. Yet, Bush II seems bent on repeating the mistakes of the European imperialists when they failed in the 20th century to interpret history correctly.

(13) Arab Police States

While western propaganda advertises some Arab leaders and their governments as true US allies, tehy are in fact clones of Nazis and Hitler. Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, cordially entertained by both Bush I and Bush II at Camp David, would sell his mother to buy arms to join a US attack on Iraq. Abdel Gamal Nasser must have been turning in his grave. Mubarak proclaims that those who carry out terrorist acts have no claim to human rights. All fascist dictators say those things. The president of Egypt knows only too well, that the day will come when he too will be hanged for treason. According to *The Economist* (February 2, 2002) at least 20.000 people are detained in Egypt without trial. Mubarak is the kind of traitor who like Bush calls for a global crackdown on fellow Muslims in order to prolong his fascist rule as long as possible.

Egypt is fast approaching 70 million inhabitants. With a growth rate just fewer than 2 percent annually, overpopulation is a real problem. At the same time the al-Hazar mosque and university in the center of Cairo, a city of 12 million, are still forming the most conservative bastion of Islam in Egypt (*News*-

week, March 19, 2002). Many jihadis - or disciples of the holy struggle - are more interested in first overthrowing local corrupt tyrants, or US puppet regimes. This is for them a priority of life and death between the weak and the evil and strong. The Washington Gang of Four seems totally blind as to what millions of Muslims consider the real Axis of Evil.

Why did a shy doctor from Cairo, Ayman al-Zawahari, turn to Al Queda and join Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan? Why did he loose all hope for Egypt, or for a change in regime from within? Mubarak is kept afloat by billions of US dollars. The people of Egypt hate his police methods, his jails and his silent executions. They despise the man for selling them out to Washington. They are powerless to change their fate, like billions of others in the Afro-Asian developing world. Only half a century ago they were all still subjugated under the joke of colonialism. They were merely surviving in overseas possessions of the rich northern half of the world. They have been kept for centuries by the West under Nazi types of occupation. They at last find themselves in the first stages of nation building but do not have the resources or the financial means to liberate themselves from the continuing neo-Nazi chains of the G-8. The haves of the world continue to control the deprived, which are kept in line through indebtedness to the US dollar. Or, through institutions such as the IMF and the World Bank. This unscrupulous debt device and the so-called new wave of globalization are the 21st century instruments by which western imperialism continues to strangle the poor in this world. The destitute are being kept in line through billions of dollars in debt, which they will never ever be able to pay back. Add to this disguised continuation of colonial exploitation by other means, the standard practice of installing US Quisling regimes, that dance to the tune of Washington. Then an accurate picture of what really is going on in the 21st century emerges. That is why there is an Al Queda. This underground Muslim

resistance reflects, what billions of abandoned and weaponless masses feel in this world. That's why there are suicide bombers. Their ultimate sacrifices are seen as a disgrace to modern civilization. But they do, what we did during Hitler's occupation of the Netherlands. Except they are possessed by a deeper religious faith than we held. The heroic Muslims of the Al Aqsa Martyr Brigades are infinitely more courageous than we were. At last, Muslims are counterattacking because payback time has finally arrived.

For nitwit George Bush, modern history starts on that fateful day of 09-11. While innocent Americans were minding their business, all of a sudden, as lightening striking from the sky, they came under attack. Why? We have always behaved as perfect gentlemen in world affairs are 'Ugly Americans' reassuring themselves. Yes, we did install through CIA coupmethods some nasty fascist dictators in Indonesia, Congo and Chili and perhaps some other countries. That was bad. Henry Kissinger misled us in saying Augusto Pinochet was a fine man. But we truly believed we were doing it for their own good. We did assassinate numerous leaders we did not like. But don't compare us to Hitler, please. He was a diehard Nazi. We are not. We are different. We are true patriots. Hitler massacred Jews. We slaughtered millions Asians for their own good. Imagine if Southeast Asia had gone communist. And then, all the billions we have poured into these ungrateful nations over the years. Perhaps we did keep some foreign Nazis in power. And, yes, we urged some of them on to do some killing of their own. We supplied them with lists whose throats should be cut first. We might have collaborated with a mass killer as Suharto in Indonesia, true. But also think of the prosperity he delivered to America by selling out his nation's natural resources against bargain prices. Yes, too bad for the Indonesian masses that saw the Suharto family become billionaires. Did Bill Clinton not describe Suharto as 'our boy'? Of course we looked the

other way on Suharto's human rights record. He deserved to become a billionaire at the expense of his people. That is common Wall Street business practice. He was aiding our multinationals and helping to raise the US standard of living to new heights. He also liquidated thousands of communists and kept Moscow and Beijing influences to a minimum. Plenty of sound business reasons to channel billions Suharto's way.

Yes, Ferdinand Marcos used to be our friend. And yes, he robbed the people of more than 10 billion dollars. He enriched himself, but he enriched us too. So we played even. Yes, the CIA installed colonel Mobutu in Congo, and yes, he too robbed his people of billions. But we needed the Congo's resources, therefore his stealing from the people turned us into profitable partners. We needed the raw materials for the military industrial complex. Remember, Hitler would have never gotten as far as he did without IG-Farben, Krupp, Messerschmidt, Bayer, Hoechst etcetera.

We have got to work with Saudi princes and other royal clowns, because it's the only way to get the energy we need. True our banks profit too from doing business with our worldwide network of robber barons. American imperialists repeat all the old tricks of the 19th and 20th century European colonialists with the consequent backlashes for the masses in the impoverished third and fourth worlds.

Since 1945, Washington pretends that it supports one man one vote for every man and woman on earth. Except for elections that would favor leftist or socialist regimes. When Chili elected Salvador Allende, the CIA (and Henry Kissinger) was instrumental to have him removed and shot. Another exception formed the energy rich Middle East. It would be inconceivable that Washington would encourage a popular vote to be held in the present collection of Arab police states and royal dictatorships, thus endangering a steady flow of black gold to the West from this the region. The hunt for oil is a shock-

ing hypocritical and in the end self-defeating con game. The Bush II White House seems bent on improving the scores. Yet, the US XXL-size Gulliver is bound to collapse. It's only a matter of time.

(14) Schmoozing

In 2002 total defence spending in the world is 800 billion dollars. The US alone wastes 331 billion on arms, and Bush recently asked for an increase of 48 billion to finance this stage in his war on terror. Even tiny Israel suffers under New Militarism (*Newsweek,* June 10, 2002). During the past 20 months the Al Aqsa Intifada has profoundly changed the Israeli Defence Force (IDF). Israeli militarism has been clearly revived. Before, Israeli soldiers and officers were disciplined for maltreatment of Palestinian civilians. Those days are gone. It's a free for all. So far during these 20 months, 1.600 Palestinians and 500 Israelis have been killed. It is only the beginning of another bloodbath. As lesser minds take over, the greater will be the number of casualties. Junior Bush and Sharon have brought the Middle East further away than ever from an acceptable solution for all.

The present White House is strictly run as a major corporation American style. Dick Cheney comes from Halliburton, the oil services giant. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neil from Alcoa. Commerce Secretary Don Evans from a Denver oil-and-gas outfit. ‘The corporate criminals among us, the swindlers and profiteers, are now described in language once saved for bin Laden's legions,’ reported *Time* (July 22, 2002). ‘It is as if we have given the CEO's weapons of mass destruction at least economically?’ said professor Brian Shapiro of the University of Minnesota.

When the latest series of corporate scandals broke in America and as more details surfaced about Bush' obscure sale of stock, whilst he was director of Harken Energy in 1990, junior Bush looked, when defending himself against these allegations, 'like a 5-year old losing a battle with an ice cream cone on a hot day,' reported Bill Saporito in the same issue of *Time.* The then son of the president dumped 848.000 dollars worth of Harken stock two months before the company announced a 23,2 million dollars loss. On top of it, he was 34 weeks late in filing a form of this record sale with the Securities and Exchange Commission about this record sale as requested by law. Now, all of a sudden, being in the White House himself, Bush is preaching corporate morality following a series of major company scandals. Few are prepared to take him seriously anymore. Enron in Texas was one of the first conglomerates caught in a web of malpractices and falsifying the books.

The top military chief in the White House is former Enron vice-president Thomas White. He sold between June and November 2001 no less than 12 million dollars worth of Enron stock; well before the Enron scandals broke. Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, was chairman of two technology companies, before he accepted to join the Bush team. Mitch Daniels, the Budget Director, was vice president of the Lily drugs company. Mr. Bush's personal lawyer, Robert Jordan, went as ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Robert Zoellick, the US Trade Representative, was a member of Enron's Advisory Council. Lawrence Lindsey, the president's top economic advisor, used to be consultant to Enron. Even the Attorney General (Minister of Justice), John Ashcroft, had to excuse himself from the Enron investigation, because he had received a 58.000 dollar donation from Enron.

The management of the present White House is a hornet's nest of dubious dealings and inappropriate financial liaisons. The worst trouble is connected to vice-president Dick Cheney.

When he left his post as CEO at the Halliburton oil services company to become the running mate of the junior Bush, Cheney made no less than 18.5 million dollars profit by selling his shares for more than 52 dollars each. Sixty days later the company announced it was doing much worse than expected. The very same shares went down 11 per cent in one day. *The New York Times* reported that Cheney's former shares are in July 2002 only worth 13.10 dollars. Therefore, even the vicepresident is now being investigated by the SEC and sued by both shareholders and a group of lawyers belonging to Judicial Watch. What also helped bring down Halliburton shares was the fact hat CEO Cheney signed in 1998 a merger with Dresser Industries, when that company was heavily burdened by asbestos-contamination lawsuits. The Halliburton stock plummeted further after Cheney's foolish move.

By mid-July 2002, the White House expected a 165 billion dollars budget deficit. Public confidence in the economy and aggravated doubts about the immediate future with the announced military intervention by the Gang of Four in Iraq further increases the downward trend of the stock market. The economic fall-out of corporate scandals culminating in the collapse of World Com at this time of writing, affects the public deeply. A decade ago 30 percent of all US families owned stock. In 2002 half of all Americans invest at the stock market. Bush's approval ratings for the economy fell from 72 percent in the fall of 2001 to 58 percent in the summer of 2002. Analysts are already forecasting that dissention over widespread schmoozing between the White House and the corporate world will express itself in US politics, especially during the next presidential election in 2004. This Bush will be out after one term, just like his Dad.

Edward Alden asked in *The Financial Times* (July 13, 2002), whether the political fortunes of George Bush will take a similar trajectory as the current downward trend in the economy

and the financial markets. Other comments expect junior to try to finish his father's crusade against Saddam Hussein in a desperate effort to unite the public behind his corporate oriented Republican Administration. But the signs are not favorable for this strategy. Father Bush scored in 1991 a smashing victory against Iraq. Yet, in the same year he was voted out of office. The elder Bush managed to defeat Saddam with an absolute minimum of military casualties among the 600.000 troops sent out to crush the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. An attack on Iraq in 2002-2003 will be a different matter. In 1991 Saddam was trying with the active assistance of Mikhail Gorbachev to escape military annihilation. He then succeed in rescuing most of his elite Republican Guard and other units. This time, the evil four in Washington are crazy enough to carry out their much-advertised war against Iraq. Yet, they might discover that this time the Iraqi leader is prepared to fight to the death. This could resort to the deployment of chemical and biological weapons, of which the Washington gang contends that he has plenty. Desperate needs lead to desperate deeds.

Meanwhile, James Dao reported in *The New York Times* that a growing number of Democrats, and even Republicans, in Congress are urging Bush to give more information about his war plans. Dao: 'The lawmakers do not say that they oppose the idea of military action. In fact, nearly all of them support the action, or at least in concept.' (July 19, 2002). During the 34 years, that I lived in New York, I learned with my work as an international journalist to accept, that US politicians and members of Congress usually talked utter nonsense about countries, which I had covered for years. Foreign leaders whom I had studied, met and interviewed were foul mouthed and misrepresented in the extreme by honorable members of the US Congress. The worst that can befall an overseas head-of-state is when American parliamentarians begin to compare

them to Hitler. Sukarno, founding father of Indonesia, would be recklessly called from the floor of the House or Senate ‘a Hitler type Nazi’. After earlier failed attempts to shoot him the CIA ousted him in 1965 and replaced him with a full blown fascist military dictator. What Americans were saying or thinking about him was utter rot and had no relation to reality.

Father Bush used the same stupid lie when he launched his assault on Iraq. He denounced Saddam as a monster similar to Hitler. Most Americans mistake such nonsense for the gospel truth since it comes from Godfather in the White House. In our day the son of the liar is taking this heroically mad unfinished Iraqi business of Dad stoically and serious. The behavior of the present Gang of Four in Washington, or for that matter the Sharon regime, comes increasingly dangerously close to the way the Nazis considered it their duty to bring order into what they saw as European chaos. Americans are the new Nazis that intend to bring their Yankee order to the entire globe.

For the moment little is known about how Bush, Cheney, Powell and Rumsfeld intend to go about replacing Saddam with a US puppet regime. They aren't saying. Their real aim is to extend, via local Quislings, total control by Houston oil barons over super rich Iraqi oil fields. Hitler managed German power in identically the same way. Simultaneously, the Bush polls are steadily going down. From 90 per cent on that fateful day of 09-11 to 70 percent a year later. Soon his overall popularity will sink to 50 per cent and even well below. The people can be fooled for some time, but not all the time. A further downward trend in public support could make a planned Iraqi invasion unlikely or even impossible. A parallel downward trend in economic prospects could further complicate the financing of further lunatic US adventures in the Middle East.

When, by the summer of 2002, stocks were sinking to new lows, Bush rushed to Wall Street in an desperate effort to calm down the markets. The more he spoke, however, the further

share prices plummeted. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Fed (Federal Reserve Bank) tried to lighten the minds of investors by spreading an upbeat message. But he also referred to the 'infectious greed' that seemed to grip the business community. Reality in 2002 is much worse than the chairman has said. Americans are in the grip of consumer doubts all the way. 'Understandably, investors rage about the deceptions they have suffered,' editorialized *The Financial Times* (July 20, 2002). 'They want the crooks punished. They should be. But it was the public's credulity that made the reign of the crooks possible. Chief executives gave investors what they wanted. If they failed to do so, they were punished. This is, alas, an old story, repeated in every generation.'

Likewise, what is being repeated by every single generation is that voters, just like investors, believe what they are being told by each new generation of crooked politicians. Each time they vote crooks into the White House again. Trust has become an endangered species like the central African giraffe or okapi. As Mark Twain wrote in 1901, 'The blessings-of-civilization trust, wisely and cautiously administered, is a daisy. There is more money in it, more territory, more sovereignty, and other kinds of emolument, than there is in any other game that is played. But christianity... has been so eager to get every stake that appeared on the green cloth, that the people who sit in darkness have noticed it... and have become suspicious of civilization.' President Harry Truman kept this thought of Mark Twain on his desk in the White House. Yet, by ordering two atombombs on open Japanese cities, Harry most certainly became the most celebrated massmurderer of innocent civilians in the 20th century. Compared to Truman, Osama bin Laden (if he is responsible for 09-11 as Bush, the chronic liar, says he is) pales like a miserable amateur.

What we witness as happening in the realm of Big Business is equal to what is occurring in international politics, diplomacy and the conduct of US Foreign Affairs. The current White

House is so totally interwoven with crooked business interests and greedy Arabian petroleum investments, that to assume that voters are being told the truth about anything anymore brings us back to the trusted days of childhood. We truly believed that the wolf in Little Red Ridinghood had eaten the loving grandmother. Few stop and think what could be the real reason for the Bush family and their looting friends to dispatch the big Yankee wolf to Iraq to eat Saddam alive. The new Nazis are preparing for a deadly Blitz assault on the Iraqi oil-fields by organizing staging areas and cooperation from American controlled and financed fascist police states in the region, for example Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey. It looks as if young American men and women will be asked again to sacrifice their lives for another unforgivable hoax. In Vietnam the mission was to kill communists. In Afghanistan to kill Osama bin Laden and as many Taliban as they could lay their hands on. That also hundreds of Afghan civilians got killed is seen in Washington as unavoidable collateral damage only. Where is a war there are corpses says the Gang of Four.

The latest crusade will be the hunt for Saddam. Daddy Bush informed the people long ago that the mission was necessary to get rid of the Iraqi Hitler. Young men and women should refuse to be drafted and wasted once more as cannon fodder on orders of the White House. They should decline to become ordinary war criminals because of deranged minds of warmongering generals and admirals under the command of a gaga commander in chief. If the military personnel of the US armed forces knew the plain truth they would perhaps finally discover who is the worst Hitler of all in this.

(15) Iraq

When I boarded an airliner in Baghdad for Jordan on May 10,

2002, a stewardess brought me the latest issue of *Time* (May 13, 2002) with a cover-story by Johanna McGeary entitled 'The sinister world of Saddam'. I had just been there to attend a conference with other representatives from some 40 countries. Her first line read, 'The mad hatter might feel at home in the wonderland of Iraq.' I could imagine a CIA or White House report with a similar Goebbels type catch phrase opening a report on Russia ruled by Stalin. But this was an opening statement on current Iraq in perhaps the most widely read international magazine in the world. I hardly felt like a 'mad hatter' upon leaving the office of the highly articulate and intelligent vice prime minister Tariq Azis after an early evening intense conversation. My last line to him was, 'If you are continuing to smoke those trunks of cigars, you will not last too long anymore.' His reply: 'Fidel corrupted us all.' The real mad hatters are in Washington not in Baghdad. Or for that matter among the editorial board of *Time* who unloaded this McGeary garbage about Iraq on its readers.

In the very first paragraph of 15 lines, while describing the festivities for 65th birthday of the Iraqi president, she drew an instant parallel with Italian fascist Mussolini. Taking a clear cue from Joseph Goebbels, she safely planted her first lie about Iraq in the mind of the unsuspected reader. Thus the intended Nazi poison was already penetrating the neurons of all persons who picked up that weeks copy of *Time.* The magazine neatly tuned in with the Bush' agitprop calling Saddam a new Hitler. Alas, the real new Nazi resides in the White House.

Prominent and prestigious journalists secretly working for intelligence services is not a new phenomenon. Al ready in the 70's, detailed information surfaced in Washington as to what extent US reporters, academics, and religious leaders were being recruited and used as paid spies for the US undercover operations. James Reston, together with Walter Lippmann, perhaps the most renowned US journalist of the 20th century, re-

ported April 27, 1976 in *The New York Times* that the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities had completed an investigation. It found that dozens of journalists and employees of media organizations had been recruited by the CIA to assist them in their dirty work. Editors of newspapers were solemnly assured by the intelligence units, that none of their journalists were either working for them or being secretly paid for their services. The CIA denied everything for years and continues to lie about it. Even, after the Senate Select Committee presented proof, that US spy organisations were lying, the cloak and dagger boys refused to cooperate with Congress.

President Gerald Ford played ball with the CIA and refused to issue orders to George Bush, at the time director of the CIA, 'to clear up this mess,' wrote Reston. 'Some of us,' he continued, 'talked privately to the president about it. He does not condone it, nor does he deny the congressional report that the practice continues.' At the end of 1977, John Crewdson and Joseph Treaster published three entire pages in *The New York Times* in which they documented how the CIA had been engaged in an unremitting, though largely unrecognised, effort to shape foreign opinion in support of American policy abroad. In 1977, the CIA turned out to be either the owner, or was subsidizing at least fifty newspapers, news agencies, radio stations and magazines, both inside and outside the US. CIA personnel was working for television operations throughout the world, while most of these operations were unaware they were employing US spies. At least 250 US publishing houses, some even well known and prestigious, were in 1977 publishing books, that were authored and subsidized by the CIA. A quarter of a century later the skills of espionage and propaganda have only become more sophisticated, far-reaching and global.

Anyone who might be under the illusion that all nations within the NATO alliance, do not use the same illegal and criminal tactics as offshoots of the Big Brother in Washington, should

have their heads examined. Being in journalism for 50 years, I have witnessed this happening all around me, at UN headquarters in New York, as well as in Holland. In the early eighties I tried to get a debate started on this subject in the Dutch parliament. This was immediately torpedoed by the then minister of the Interior, also in charge of intelligence matters, Hans Wiegel. It was naïve on my part to assume, that when the US Congress can't stop illegal and criminal activities of spy organisations, we in The Hague could or even would.

Even as recently as May 6, 2002, when one Dutch candidate for the premiership, Pim Fortuijn, advocated amongst others the abolishment of the armed forces, with the exception of the Royal Dutch Navy, he was simply shot dead one week prior to the elections. This was the only way in which Fortuijn could be stopped in eventually carrying out his for NATO rather disruptive plans. Inspire of his premature death, his LPF party became the second largest party in Holland. Fortuijn was promptly replaced by a minor employee of the ministry of Defence, Mat Herben. Prior to the murder of his party leader, he carried Fortuijn's briefcase, or filled up his coffee cup during his press conferences. Herben was prior to the murder virtually an unknown co-worker in the LPF party. But once Fortuijn was dead, the government, with Herben's support of course, rammed through the contorversial Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) project, that Bush wanted the Netherlands to underwrite with billions of dollars, amounting to plenty of work and jobs for the US Hitlerite military-industrial complex. Against these backgrounds McGeary's *Time* piece on Iraq should be read.

Prince Hassan of Jordan (what was he doing there in the first place?) strode into a meeting of Iraqi dissidents in London as was arranged by and paid for by US and British intelligence. Hassan embraced a scion of Feisal, the last King of Iraq, who was assassinated in 1958 and dragged by automobile at the end of a rope through the streets of Baghdad. The US and Britain

are feverishly trying to organise a legion of future puppets who will agree to play ball with Houston oil firms. According to the *Sunday Times,* Tony Blair is readying 20 to 30.000 troops to lend support to the Big Brother from Texas. Later, King Abdullah of Jordan told *The Times* (29 July 29, 2002), that his uncle had made a serious faux pas. The king told Michael Binyon, 'Prince Hassan blundered into something he did not realise he was getting into and we are picking up the pieces.'

According to the Jordanian monarch Bush had told him on another occasion, 'I am the one that articulates foreign policy and the one that translates it for me is Colin Powell.' It has been clear for a number of months, however, that the US foreign secretary has been continuously sidetracked by the White House. He seems to be outvoted by Cheney and Rumsfeld, with Bush, wet behind the ears on international politics, siding with the Washington warlords. The king strongly feels that hardliners are threatening the peace all over the Middle East. He's equally opposed to Bush's personal *fatwa* for the removal of Yasser Arafat. 'His popularity goes up the minute you point an Israëli tank barrel at him or there is a ludicrous statement out of Washington,' the king said. Abdullah, himself somewhat new to the king's profession, fails to recognize the Mount Everest climb he has to perform in order to reach the brain cells of the US president, and then to discover that they are largely confused due to a lack of availability of valid information.

Furthermore, apart from plans for an invasion, the president has already instructed the CIA to capture or kill the Iraqi president, as *The Guardian* reported from Washington (June 18, 2002). King Abdullah was arriving too late to prevent that delinquent White House order. Nearly all US heads of state have behaved since World War II as serial killers of foreign leaders whom they disliked, did not understand and therefore concluded that it would simplify matters for the Global Cop if

Murder Incorporated (CIA) liquidated the bastards. Sharon's mind operates identically. Junior Bush and senior Sharon produce uncontrolled roguery, which the Middle East has never ever experienced before.

Iraq does not threaten the US. Nor did Lybia, Vietnam and Afghanistan. Nor does North Korea or Iran. Yet, US war criminals talk about these nations as if it were normal and acceptable procedure for Yankees to decide what is good and what is evil for the peoples in those countries. It seems to escape the silly asses in the halls of Congress and the White House, that perhaps the beliefs, hopes and priorities of others, do not necessarily jive with the American way of life. Hitler overran Europe. He felt, that national socialism offered the continent the best prospects for the future. He soon discovered that none of the occupied territories were prepared to accept the Nazi way of life. In 1932, with the rise to power of Hitler already in the air, Einstein wrote to Freud, that the craving for power characterizes the governing class in every nation and that this uncontrolled lust for power endangered national sovereignty of others. Meaning: we all have the right to decide on our own future in our own land. All of Europe united to oust the Nazis, who wanted to think and decide for us. With large scale US and Soviet assistance, the Germans were driven back to Berlin. In turn, the Cold War drove the Soviets back to Moscow. In our time, the question remains open, whether casino dollar imperialism and the intended globalisation of the American way of life will become acceptable to all, or whether Yankees, too, will eventually be driven back into their cages.

In the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries Christians desperately tried to recover the holy land, Palestine, from the Muslims. These incursions were called ‘armed pilgrimages’. Thousands of years later these imperialist expeditions do make shocking reading. ‘The lust for power’, said the psychologist Erich Fromm in 1941 watching Hitler marching into the USSR, ‘is not

rooted in strength but in weakness'. Christians were motivated to march on Constantinople out of fear for Islam. Sharon sends his tanks into Gaza out of fear for the suicide bombers. Austria, Czecho-Slovakia and Poland never posed the slightest threat to Nazi Germany. Just like North Korea, Iran and Iraq have no intention to invade California or Massachusetts. Yet, Bush intends to march on them. He is sending stratospheric bombers over Afghanistan in fear of the Taliban. Some wacko's are already suggesting, that it will be necessary to occupy Iraq for many years and remaking that country into the Yankee image. This is Nazi behaviour of a miserable weakling, hardly that of a 21st century statesman. What are future historians to make of the Bush dynasty madness of our time? 'That kings should become philosophers, and philosophers kings, can scarcely be expected', wrote Immanuel Kant in 1795. 'Nor is it to be wished, since the enjoyment of power inevitably corrupts the judgement of reason, and perverts its liberty.' How to make it clear to ignorant fools in Washington, who are entertaining daydreams of launching another Mobile Oil crusade into the Middle East by attacking Iraq, that their forerunners such as Hitler and Mussolini, would have awarded them the Nazi Iron Cross for their efforts.

In the plane from Baghdad to Amman whilst reading the *Time* cover story on Saddam, I realized to what frightening extend this magazine was doing Bush' bidding. McGeary reported in the manner of a CIA spy on the pay-roll of Washington instead of doing what she was supposed to do. Be the eyes and ears of her readers. Her 6 page saga was tailored to all the lies and projections about Saddam just as they have been coming out of Washington over the past years.

Bush and Blair seem to agree, that the world would be better off without Saddam. They are preparing a Wagnerian exit for the Iraqi leader. Needless to say that hundreds of millions of Arabs, Asians, Africans, and lately even Europeans, are rea-

soning today how much better off the world would be without this odd couple of warmongers, Bush and Blair.

Scientist Richard Dawkins (*The Selfish Gene,* Oxford University Press, 1976), told *The Guardian,* that if Saddam was a danger to world peace, Bush was just as much a threat to humanity. 'It would be a tragedy if Tony Blair were to be brought down through playing poodle to this unelected and deeply stupid little oil-spiv.' Also, in Britain opposition to Blair's tandem with Bush against Iraq is stiffening. Former British ambassador to Baghdad, Sir John Moberly said: 'A lot of our former diplomats are very uneasy about the way we are going.' Imagine if another Hitler came to power somewhere, not an imaginary one like Saddam, but a real Nazi dictator, determined with a traumatized mind, that Bush and Blair must go. Mankind would be faced with World War III. Or has the guntoting, triggerhappy cowboy form Texas already embarked on this dead end road?

Bill Cinton made an effort to break with standard criminal practices of Washington. He talked for days on end with Yasser Arafat and began to understand some of the basic grievances of Arabs against America. He cancelled a planned CIA uprising against Saddam. This abrupt cancellation of this covert operation did cost numerous CIA operatives their lives. Saddam caught and shot them. During the Nazi occupation of Holland, we did not mourn the death of traitors either, because they collaborated with Germany. They were killed by Dutch underground forces. We saw this as justice being done. Iraqi turncoats working for the CIA were considered in Baghdad as having joined the US Waffen-SS. Apart from the Iraqis, there are hundreds of millions of people in Afro-Asian and Latin American lands that are finally beginning to recognize, that in the 21st century the United States is looming as a worldwide Nazi threat.

(16) Late incoming notes

Hans von Sponeck, the former UN humanitarian aid coordinator for Iraq (1998-2000), has been advising Saddam to call Bush's bluff and let the weapons inspectors return to Baghdad. After a recent inspection trip of his own, Sponeck reported in *The Guardian* that as it stands Saddam could easily let the inspectors back in again, since it's clear that Iraq poses no threat to anyone. Could it be, that Washington does not want the inspectors to return in fear of another political affront of the first order, namely that Iraq does no longer have weapons of mass destruction? Scott Ritter, former American chief inspector for UNSCOM (United Nations Special Commission) has been arguing for some time that Iraq did not posses any capacity to produce weapons of mass destruction (*End Game,* Scott Ritter, Simon & Schuster, New York, 1999). Therefore, why are Bush and Blair hell bent on shedding blood not only of US and British soldiers, but of countless Iraqis as well? Their policy vis-à-vis Iraq is like Hitler revisited.

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Andrew Alexander of the London *Daily Mail* studied the origins of the Cold War. In March 1946 Winston Churchill delivered his notorious ‘iron curtain’ speech at Fulton, Missouri. The British prime minister took a cue from Joseph Goebbels. The Nazi propaganda minister could have been writing the Churchill speech, with its warning of the red peril threatening the west. Stalin was evil. Truman and Churchill were angels. Therefore, they created the phoney myth, that the Soviets were about to invade western Europe, which in turn made the creation of NATO a military necessity. Immediately, the mad arms race began to spiral. Following World War II, the US turned in the largest Hitlerite military-industrial complex the world had ever seen since the allies destruction of the Nazi war

machine. Researcher Alexander discovered recently in Soviet archives, that never at any time did Stalin consider attacking the West. Truman and Churchill deliberately started the Cold War legend about the deadly dangers of the USSR exactly the same way as the Bushes are now saddling the world with all this bunkum about an Axis of Evil (North Korea, Iraq and Iran) supposedly threatening the US and all of mankind. Out of the goodness of their hearts Americans pose as saviours of us all by going to war to these nations that are absolutely threatening no-one.

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The Gulf War of father Bush cost and estimated 61.1 billion dollars, of which 48.4 billion was paid for by the so-called allies of Washington. Will the White House, apart from tailwagger Blair, have any sucker nations pick up 80 per cent of the tab for another US oil crusade? Some day in the future, another journalistic researcher, someone like Andrew Alexander, will prove on the basis of the historic record, that Bush and Blair were making up these mega fairytales to whip up public opinion to support their endless sabre-rattling for the sake of oil profits among the weaker nations. Simon Tisdall reported in *The Guardian* (July 31, 2002), that Bush was already refining other bellicose plans for regime change in Iran. Teheran, too, is according to the Gang of Four piling up weapons of mass destruction, according to standard White House hogwash.

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William Pfaff, columnist for the *Los Angeles Times* reported, that following 09-11 notable tension and distrust is colouring US relations with Europe. He stressed, the post Cold War alignments could be overturned by European nations overnight, if the Bush Administration continues its unilateral policies and simply ignores the opinions of its allies. Pfaff suggested that European members of the grand alliance, who are almost unanimously opposed to a US-UK invasion of Iraq, could deny

the use of Europeans NATO assets on the basis that such an unprovoked act of war does not fall under NATO's article five. This was used to agree to the War on Terrorism. Pfaff stressed, that 'NATO no longer serves to protect Europe from any threat. The USSR threat is gone. For Europeans, NATO is an expensive relic of the Cold War.' He continued, 'Richard Holbrooke once said (to some European indignation), that the United States is a European power, and so it is, as long as NATO exists.' Pfaff further suggested, 'A polite mutiny by some or all of the European NATO countries on the war with Iraq would certainly produce what Saddam Hussein might describe as the mother of all trans-Atlantic rows, but in the end the USA would back down.' Murdered politician Pim Fortuijn thought along these lines. Washington asked the US ambassador in The Hague to visit him and test his views. Weeks later Fortuijn was shot.

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Western Europe is presently moving to the right. First Spain, Italy and Austria moved to the right. France and the Netherlands followed suit. Germany might make a turn around during upcoming elections. This is all good news for Bush & Co. Nevertheless, the French called the US approach to Iraq 'simplistic'. Lately they have gone a step further by accusing Bush of being obsessed with the Iraqi leader. Obsessive behaviour means, to be suffering from a persistent and irrational idea accompanied stereo-typed and ritualistic acts. It serves to overcome anxiety and calm feelings of guilt. Daddy seems to have transferred this obsession to his son. The headline in *The Observer* read 'I will whup Sadam for you, Poppa'. Thank God Hitler did not have a son, to step into his father's war boots! The British sunday paper announced that junior's declaration of war on Iraq was only weejs away.

The French also worry, that NATO might loose interest in supporting the US in the War on Terrorism, should the Americans start attacking countries whose regimes they simply do not

like. In Britain unrest is growing, also within the Labour Party, over Blair's highhanded going it alone policy in tandem with Bush.

Rowan Williams, the upcoming archbishop of Canterbury, already said he would not support a British-backed military attack on Iraq. Bush and Blair use the same deceit as they did in the case of Osama bin Laden. They announced to the world that he was guilty and that proof would be submitted. They never did. Now Blair has told parliament, proof that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction would be given to the Commons in time. His spin doctors and intelligence officers will come up with whatever fabrications they can think off. And, while nobody is buying the balderdash, 20 to 30.000 military personnel will be dispatched to the Iraqi war theatre as Her Majesty's contribution to the massive Goebbels type of trickery this time practiced by socialist Blair of all people. The prime minister is even refusing to commit himself to consulting lawmakers prior to declaring war on Iraq. 'I am not going to commit myself to any particular form of consultation', he flatly told the House of Commons on July 25, 2002.

Even Japan and South Korea begin to express public annoyance with the Bush-Blair policy of going it alone. When the Pentagon issued a warning, that China's military threat is increasing, Japanese strategists told *The Washington Post,* that America should stop its alarmist propaganda. But since the US has presently an alarmist bunch of leaders, having also - Hitler did in the thirties - too many dangerous military tools at their disposal, they are liable to continue to launch global invasions, just as the Nazis engaged in state terrorism in Europe.

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Where lies the difference between father and son Bush versus Iraq? The father served in the military during World War II, while his son managed to evade taking part in the war in Viet-

nam. Dad, with a deeper understanding of the horrors of war, stopped short of marching on Baghdad knowing this would amount to a bloodbath for both Americans and Iraqis. Colin Powell concurred. Junior lacks any war experience. The younger Bush is simply reaping the advantages in favour of war from the 09-11 disasters. He clearly banks on anxiety and widespread fear amongst all Americans, who clearly expect additional attacks from Muslim terrorists. The Gang of Four keeps telling the public that chemical, biological and even nuclear attacks must be reckoned with. They also say, without a thread of evidence, that the only foreign potentate capable of supplying these horror weapons to terrorists is Saddam. Therefore he must be destroyed.

Of course, Iraq's huge oil deposits are never mentioned by Houston oil crooks. The US public believes the president to be a man of honour, integrity, and of superior intelligence, who would never lie to them. Hence, his support is still estimated at 70 percent. Nevertheless, hints that Iraq would scheme with Al Queda to bring down the Golden Bridge in San Francisco, is just as cuckoo as most of junior Bush's notions about world affairs. He knows nothing about international relations or foreign affairs, and, yet, he is the man who must guide the American people and much of the rest of the world safely through what for him is totally uncharted territory.

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The Sunday Times headlined at the time of writing, that an attack on Iraq could be launched as early as October 2002. They operate according to the ancient precept that to go to war diverts attention away from problems and failures. As consumer confidence plunges, and the stock markets further go down, the closer Bush and Blair edge towards war. Hitler used the tactic over and over again because he, too, like the US now, was producing far too many guns and not enough butter. *The Observer* asked in a recent headline why a blueprint for a con-

flict with Saddam was leaked at a moment when sleaze scandals hit a new peak in New York and Washington. According to this British paper, the leak had come from the Pentagon through top officials who opposed going to war against Iraq. In 1991 a similar situation occurred. Colin Powell, then chairman of the joint chiefs, was opposed to the Gulf War. Father Bush and his Defence Secretary Dick Cheney bullied Powell into fighting it. 'Powell and Cheney have despised each other ever since', wrote Ed Vulliamy in *The Observer.* This time, once again, Powell prefers to bluff the Iraqis into concessions rather than dispatching 250.000 troops to the Middle East. War plans are rumoured to have been scaled down to 50.000, including a force of 5.000 dissident Iraqi soldiers. That is the old trick, which worked so well in Afghanistan, having Afghan northern alliance soldiers taking the flak.

On July 27, 2002 *The Guardian* carried a report by Simon Tisdall and Richard Norton Taylor from New York, that Boeing and other US Krupp factories were already working around the clock producing satellite guided 'smart' bombs that would be used in huge air strikes to accompany a ground invasion. Neither Bush nor Blair feel it is necessary to ask a new authorization from the United Nations Security Council to justify their attack. Washington and London do indeed behave as Germany and Italy did in the 30's and 40's. The less that is taken into account that they are also signatories of the UN Charter the better. The world organisation in New York might spoil the fun.

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Just whatever happens this autumn or early spring, when junior Bush and his hoodlum friend in London seem set to launch an all out attack on a medium sized Arab nation, the outcome of it all will be as disastrous as Korea, Vietnam, Cuba or Afghanistan. The son, like the father, will meet his Waterloo in Baghdad. He, who does not know his history, cannot

learn from it either. On July 28, 2002 president Saddam went on television and challenged Tony Blair to produce the evidence, which he said he would present, that Iraq is developing weapons of mass destruction. And, if the British prime minister was only fantasizing anyway in order to please his maniacal friend from Texas, then 'put up or shut up', Saddam said. (*The Times,* July 29, 2002).

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'Elite units of American special forces are to launch raids on ships and covert attacks on terrorists hideouts in a worldwide drive for victory on the War on Terror', headlined the *Sunday Times* of London (August 4, 2002). For an average normal person is this 21st century, such war drums sound like George Orwell all over again. But Americans hear this kind of war language already for years and have come to accept it as a normal state of affairs. They have been chosen by the Lord to keep law and order over humanity.

Super hawk Donald Rumsfeld ordered more radical action to reinvigorate the US anti terrorist offensive. Navy Seal commandos and the Delta Force, America's own Waffen-SS elite corps, already received orders on 'aggressive, unilateral and behind-the-scenes missions' where-ever the New Nazis in Washington deemed necessary. Does the world realize that America's president intends to consider the entire globe as a new hunting ground for freedom fighters? 'Only crazies would sacrifice the sons and daughters of others for what they call a cakewalk to Baghdad', testified Anthony Cordesman of the Washington Centre for Strategic and International Studies before a congressional commission in Washington. Rumsfeld will allow his SS squadrons to board foreign vessels by force, if general Charles Holland, chief of the Special Operation Command, deems this necessary. 'He is impatient,' wrote Tony Allen-Mills, 'with the diplomatic niceties of international law enforcement, and determined to inject fresh thinking into the

campaign on terror'. What the London Sunday Times correspondent failed to note in his frontpage story was that the behaviour of the Bush II regime in particular seems to have been borrowed straight form the thinking in Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

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George Monbiot summed up the situation around the Guns of August 2002 perhaps most accurately. 'There is something almost comical about the prospect of George Bush waging war on another nation because that nation has defied international law. Since Bush came to office, the US government has torn up more international treaties and disregarded more UN conventions than the rest of the world has done in 20 years.' (*The Guardian,* August 6, 2002).

Furthermore, US arguments for a war against Iraq have continuously changed. From the refusal to let weapons inspectors in, to Iraqi flouting UN resolutions, or even sponsoring of Al Queda terrorism, to finally Bush flatly coming out putting his real intention on the table: regime change. None of Washington accusations could stand up in court. But Daddy's mortal enemy must be destroyed. The mere thought that junior Bush would be developing a fresh taste to remove whomever leader in the world he would consider unacceptable to him is perhaps the most frightening thought possible in the nuclear age. Fortunately, the Gang of Four are miserable cowards. They know better than to dispatch their SS Blitzkrieg toops into China or Russia. They only will invade small and poorly armed opponents, who will not be unable to defend themselves against the overwhelming US military force. When nations under US attack bring freedomfighters into action. Washington hastens to call them terrorists and treats them like animals, as they do with Al Queda fighters in Guantanomo on Cuba. And what, after Saddam would be defeated? What did Hitler teach Bush? Go into Iran, Syria, Lybia and God knows where else?